WEATHER.
Partly cloudy Thursday, warmer in east; Friday fair.

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OFFICIALS FORECAST ACTION AGAINST THE U-BOAT MENACE SOON

Arming of Merchantmen and Convoying Them by Warships Among Possibilities

DEFY EXISTING STATUTES

Ships Passing Through Danger Zone May be Placed Under Government Control

EXTRA SESSION IS CERTAIN

Time of Calling It Now Seems to be the Only Question

Washington, March 7.—New action by President Wilson in the next few days in the situation resulting from the German unrestricted submarine campaign was forecast confidently today in administration quarters. If the form of the action has been determined upon it was not revealed. The possibilities are the arming of American merchantmen by the government in spite of old statutes construed by some officials to prohibit such action; the convoying of the vessels by warships; the immediate calling of an extra session of Congress, and the placing of American ships desiring to pass through the danger zone under government control.

Extra Session Believed Nearer.

Reports conveyed to the President during the day that the prospects are excellent for prompt and favorable action on his suggestion for a revision of the Senate rules so that action can be secured on an armed neutrality resolution were believed to bring the calling of an extra session nearer.

While some officials, notably those at the State Department, have advised the President that he has full power to arm merchantmen without congressional action, others feel that such a step would be stretching the law. It is pointed out, however, that any restrictions surrounding the arming of vessels do not apply to supplying convoys. The best judgment of the Navy Department has been against convoying for strategical reasons, but it was considered possible that if no other way is found this course might be adopted.

Thinks Nation Backs Him.

The President was understood to feel that the tying up of American vessels in port cannot be allowed to continue much longer. He also believes that the nation stands behind him in advocating steps to defend American lives and rights.

Mr. Wilson was forced to retire to his room early this afternoon by a cold, but previously he conferred with Secretary Lansing about the German crisis and talked with senators about cloture.

When Representative Kitchin, the Democratic leader of the House, left for home today his parting information to his colleagues was that an extra session of Congress would be called not later than the middle of May. Mr. Kitchin made this prediction after a conference with President Wilson, although a cabinet member was authority for the statement yesterday that an extra session is unlikely before "the first of June or the last of May."

FEDERAL JURY TO TAKE UP GERMAN SPY CONSPIRACY

German Chemist and Hindu Physician May Be Further Implicated

New York, March, 7.—Department of Justice officials in this city expect to present to a Federal grand jury tomorrow evidence concerning the German spy conspiracy in this country. It was learned today that important documents had arrived by messenger from Washington which it was believed would further connect Dr. Ernest Sekunna, a German chemist, and Dr. Chandre Chakraberty, a Hindu physician, with Wolf von Igel attache of the German embassy, who sailed with Count von Bernstorff after indictments against him in this country had been dismissed.

Dr. Sekunna and Dr. Chakraberty were arrested Tuesday and, according to the police, confessed that they had plotted under direction of Von Igel to invade India with a military force by way of China.

It was disclosed that on February 28 Dr. Sekunna and Dr. Chakraberty filed in the county clerk's office here trade style certificates to operate under the names of the "Oriental Society" and the "Oriental Kitchen", as well as to conduct a monthly magazine which was to be known as the "Oriental Review." Agents of the Department of Justice pointed out that similar occupations on the part of the German spies had been found to be ruses for them to operate without attracting undue attention.

Rupture By China is Expected Immediately

Peking, March 4. (Delayed)—The immediate breaking off of relations with Germany is expected here and it is generally predicted that China will join the Entente.

This belief is due to the fact that dispatches from Tien Tsin say that Tuan Chi Jui, who resigned March 4 and left for Tien Tsin has decided to return to the capital immediately and resume the premiership. It is understood that President Li Tsi Yuan has agreed to give the commttee full power to form the foreign policy.

The cabinet is known to favor the severing of relations with Germany and parliament is showing a disposition to follow the leadership of Tuan Chi Jui rather than that of the president.

BUILD NAVY SHIPS AT TEN PER CENT

Shipbuilders Enter Agreement to Accept Government Contracts at Loss in Profit

AS A "PATRIOTIC DUTY"

Virtually All Larger Plants Represented At Conference With Secretary Daniels—To Expedite Construction.

Washington, March 7.—American shipbuilders engaged on government work entered into an agreement with Secretary Daniels today to accept new contracts at a flat rate of ten per cent. net profit, and pledged co-operation to the fullest extent of their ability in rushing to completion the navy's construction program.

Virtually all of the larger plants in the country were represented in the conference. The builders, who have been netting from twenty to thirty per cent. on merchant steamers, said they were willing to turn to government contracts at ten per cent. as a patriotic duty, and the Secretary on his part agreed to protect them from undue loss. As a result, for the present at least, the government will not consider exercising the authority given by Congress to commandeer plants.

The next step of the department will be to call upon builders not engaged in government work to undertake such tasks as they are equipped to carry out. For the most part this will consist of building submarine chasers and possibly some destroyers. An understanding also will be sought to prevent yards doing private work from drawing men from those with navy contracts.

The companies represented today will furnish Secretary Daniels not later than Monday with schedules of all commercial work in their yards or for which they have contracted. Details of the capitalization of each concern, its fixed charges, material contracts, plans of plates and yards showing possibility of enlargement and number of employes will be included. A definite statement of the amount or kind of additional government work that could be undertaken with an estimate of what might be accomplished in a year's time also will be submitted by each builder.

Secretary Daniels said the list of subjects to be covered in the statements had been worked out with the intention of supplying all information a prospective purchaser of the plants would require. It will be valuable in determining the wisest way of placing contracts for new ships and would be essential should it prove necessary in the end to take over any establishment.

The department is in correspondence with steel makers and other manufacturers who supply material for navy ships. Similar assurances of co-operation are expected from them. Mr. Daniels said he hoped to interfere with commerce ship biulding just as little as possible, but that nothing would be allowed "to stand in the way of supplying the navy with ships and munitions as rapidly as is possible."

Another element of the speeding up program is the task of securing labor. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and a member of the National Defense Council aavisory commission, has called a labor conference in this connection.

All of the conferences and other preliminary measures are preparatory to the issuing by President Wilson of a proclamation declaring that a National emergency exists which requires the use of the unusual powers granted him by Congress to hasten naval construction. After that step has been taken the emergency fund of more than $100,000,000 provided for the purpose will be available to pay for high speed construction, and the department will be in a position to require any ship builder or manufacturer to begin at once on work assigned to him.

WAY IS CLEARED TO EARLY MOVE RULES OF SENATE

Democrats Vote Unanimously and Republicans Vote 30 to 2 for Proposed Change

MAY BE REPORTED TODAY

LaFollette and Gronna, Who Helped to Kill Armed Neutrality, Absent From Caucus

Washington, March 7.—Democrats and Republicans of the Senate in conference today cleared the way for early modification of Senate procedure so as to make filibusters such as defeated the armed neutrality bill impossible in the future.

The Democrats voted unanimously to support a rule under which debate could be limited by a two-thirds vote, and the Republicans voted 30 to 2 in support of the same change. The rule was recommended by a conference committee of ten, five from each party.

The resolution embodying the proposed rule probably will be reported to the Senate tomorrow by Majority Leader Martin with a view to pressing it for prompt adoption.

LaFollette and Gronna Absent

Senators LaFollette and Gronna, Republicans, who were among the twelve who failed to sign the manifesto approving the armed neutrality bill, did not attend their party caucus. How much significance is to be attached to that fact neither Republican nor Democratic leaders could foretell tonight, although the Democrats had a distinct impression that the appearance of the rule would be the signal for speeches by these two senators on armed neutrality. There were a few Democrats who had views different from the large majority but while they may contribute a few speeches on the subject of changes in the rules no prolonged opposition is expected.

In the Democratic caucus there were more than forty senators and with the thirty Republicans who voted for the change this makes about eight more than two-thirds of the Senate. Several senators of both parties are absent from Washington or ill, so that the proportion of those here for the change is overwhelming.

Senators Sherman, of Illinois, and France, of Maryland, were the two Republicans who cast the negative votes. Senator Sherman declared the Republicans would be put in the position of acceding to it because of the demand by President Wilson in his public statement on the defeat of the neutrality bill, and in his conference today with Democratic members of the conference

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SUPREME COURT AGAIN OPENS HARVESTER SUIT

Gregory Presents Reasons for Seeking Disintegration

Declares That if the "Trust" is Not Dissolved Government Control and Possibly Ownership Will Most Likely Follow.

Washington, March 7.—In reargument before the Supreme Court today of the Federal dissolution suit against the International Harvester Company, Attorney General Gregory personally presented the government's reasons for seeking disintegration of the so-called trust. He declared that if the intent of Congress to prohibit undue concentration of capital and restraint of competition were not carried out, government control if not ownership in all likelihood would follow, with its evils and dangers.

The hearings will be concluded by J. P. Wilson, chief counsel for the defendants.

Such "colossal combinations" of capital, enjoying preponderent control of an industry—even if "good" combinations—are illegal and harmful, the attorney general argued. He pointed to evidence that the defendant controls between 77 and 85 per cent. of the harvest machinery trade, asserting that one "dummy" and six "office boys" formed the huge combination. This referred to the transfer of constituent corporations assets to William C. Lane for subsequent transfer to the New Jersey corporation.

"Lane, the dummy," sail Mr. Gregory, "offered to transfer the subsidiaries. The office boys gravely asked for time to consider. The next day these six office boys said the proposition 'looked good' to them and accepted.

"George W. Perkins (formerly of J. P. Morgan and Company) was the little child who led them by the hand.

"J. P. Morgan and Company waved the magic wand—and received $3,500,000 for promotion services—to make legal what was illegal."

There was conscious wrong-doing in

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LEADER OF CUBAN REBELS AND HIS STAFF CAPTURED

Taken Prisoner by Government Commander in Santa Clara and Camaguey Provinces

NEWS IS CHEERED WILDLY

Capture is Said to Have Been Made After Bloody Battle Lasting Several Hours

Havana, March 7.—The news that ex-President Jose L. Gomez, leader of the rebels, and his entire staff were prisoners in the hands of Colonel Collazo, commander of the government forces operating near the dividing line between Santa Clara and Camaguey provinces, was announced this afternoon. It set the crowds about the presidential palace cheering wildly.

Shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon Secretary Montero appeared on the palace balcony and read a message from Secretary of the Interior Hevia, who has been in charge of the campaign in Santa Clara province, saying that Colonel Collazo had reported the capture of Gomez and his staff in Camaguey province.

The men were said to have been captured after a battle lasting several hours in which many are believed to have been killed or wounded. Machine guns played a prominent part in the rebel defeat.

Having received word that a considerable force under personal command of General Gomez and Colonel Figuroa were in the neighborhood of Arroyo Blanca, Colonel Collazo with eight cavalry squadrons, one battalion of infantry and militia, set out to flank the rebels, coming in contact with them near Placetas.

Colonel Consuegra in Santa Clara disposed his forces to [illegible] the rebels evading battle and continuing their flight westward. Last night he concentrated his forces near Placetas ready for the expected battle. At 10 o'clock the battle opened, Collazo's force made a frontal attack while Consuegra attacked the rebel right flank, his machine gun fire causing them to give way.

No other details of the actual operations have been given out except that the rebels are still being pursued.

Immediately following the news of Gomez's capture an unconfirmed report spread that Rigoberto Fernandez in Santiago De Cuba had offered to surrender if allowed to come under the amnesty decree offered by President Menocal a fe wdays ago. General Pino Guerra, a prominent rebel leader and his brother, Ramon, are reported to have given themselves up to Colonel Carrillo in Pinar Del Rio.

VILLA TROOPS DRAW NEARER THE BORDER

Battle Expected at San Martin Ranch Last Night or Today

Carranza Forces Under Murguia and Gonzales Leave Juarez With Column of Cavalry and Mounted Machine Guns.

Juarez, March 7.—General Jose Carlos Murgia and General Pablo Gonzales left today for the San Martin ranch, 50 miles southeast of Juarez, with a column of cavalry and with machine guns mounted in automobiles. A battle with Villa forces in the vicinity of the San Martin ranch is expected tonight or tomorrow.

One hundred and fifty cavalrymen left Juarez yesterday for the San Martin ranch. General Murguia and General Gonzales took one hundred men today and another column of 200 troops planned to leave Juarez tonight to reinforce the expedition. Two hundred and fifty men will join these troops at outposts along the Rio Grande and General Murguia is expected to have 700 men when he reaches the rendezvous of the Villa troops.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY IS DISPATCHED TO FORT HANCOCK

El Paso, Texas, March 7.—A machine gun company of the Thirty-Third Michigan infantry has been sent to Fort Hancock, Texas, to protect that town from a possible Villa raid. In addition a company of infantry and a troop of

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WILMINGTON ENGINEERS TO START HOME MARCH 12

San Benito, Texas, March 7.—The Third Tennessee infantry left here late today for Nashville to be mustered out. New dates for departures announced today include: Squadron of the First Virginia cavalry at Brownsville, March 13; A. and B. companies, North Carolina engineers, at El Paso, March 12.

HOUSE OF COMMONS THROWN INTO AN UPROAR OVER THE IRISH HOME RULE QUESTION

Resolution of Nationalists Precipitates One of Bitterest Sessions in Months

LLOYD-GEORGE IS ASSAILED

He is Forced to Declare the Policy of the Cabinet Towards Self-Government

NATIONALISTS WITHDRAW

Redmond and His Adherents Confer Outside the House

London, March 7.—The presentation by the Irish nationalists in the house of comons this evening of a resolution calling for the immediate application of the home rule statute to Ireland precipitated one of the most bitter sessions in months and threw the home rule question back into its old position of uncertainty.

The resolution forced the government into a declaration of policy towards self-government, namely, that any part of Ireland that wished home rule could have it, but that no coercion would be employed to compel Ulster to accept. At the same time, the proposal drew from the Ulsterites the ultimatum that they would not accept, which, coupled with the government's pronouncement, effectually crushed all hopes for a speedy settlement.

Premier Faces Embarrassment

The nationalists tonight, headed by their leader, John Redmond, were in ference, having withdrawn in a body from the house of commons, and Mr. Lloyd-George was facing his first embarrassing situation since he assumed the premiership.

For more than an hour before the nationalists left the house, the premier had faced a whirlwind of angry censure from the nationalist quarter, which at times forced him to take his seat because he could not make himself heard. He was called a "turncoat" on the home rule question, and one nationalist exclaimed:

"Hangman Carson! He is only fit to be a hangman, not first lord of the admiralty."

The nationalist resolution was introduced by T. P. O'Connor, who asserted that the manner in which the government has handled the Irish rebellion had transformed a friendly people into one with bitter hatred against England. He pleaded that home rule should be put into operation immediately for the sake of Ireland and the interests of England, the empire and the allies.

Tribute to President Wilson

At one point in his address he paid tribute to the President of the United

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GERMAN-MEXICAN PLOT IS FURTHER EXPLAINED

Overseas News Agency Makes Public Official Statement.

Says That By U. S. Acquiring the Zimmermann Note "It Seems That Treason Has Been Committed on American Territory"

Berlin, March, 7 (via Sayville)—The Overseas News Agency today made public the following official statement concerning Germany's plan to have Mexico engage in war with the United States if the United States should not remain neutral after the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany:

"The decision to begin the unrestricted submarine war February 1 having been taken, an eventual conflict with America had to be considered by reason of its previous attitude. The facts have proven that the surmise was justified, for the American government, immediately after our notification concerning the barred zone, broke off diplomatic relations and, moreover, requested other neutral nations to join in this course of action. In anticipation of this possibility it was not only the right but also the duty of the government to take measures in time to counter balance of an additional ally on the side of our enemies .

"The imperial minister to Mexico was therefore instructed about the middle of January to offer an alliance to the Mexican government and to arrange the details, in case that the United States should declare war against us. The minister was expressly charged by instruction to take no steps with the Mexican government before he had obtained the absolute certainty that war had been declared by the United States.

"It is not known by what means the American government acquired knowledge of the instructions transmitted by secret ways to Mexico. It seems that treason—and treason it probably is—has been committed on American territory."

WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE

Leaders in Senate and House Give Estimate of the Work of Session Just Closed

BIG ADVANCE IN EDUCATION

Great Improvement in Finance, Revenue, Fisheries, Charitable Work, Health and Educational System Wrought.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 7.—Speaker Murphy said this afternoon of the work of this General Assembly, that of all the sessions of which he had any knowledge, and he had served in seven, none had anything like equalled this one in progressive and constructive legislation. The treatment given the State institutions in preparing for their adequate enlargement and equipment through the three million dollar bond issue was progressive and constructive to a degree, as was the modernization of the State's accounting system, the educational legislation and the advancement of health conservation.

He was especially gratified to have had the honor of being the presiding officer of the House for such a tremendously potential session as this has proven to be.

Senator Holderness, of Edgecombe, who was chairman of the joint finance committee, said that the handling of the appropriations factor of this session had impressed on him the far-reaching achievements of the session, especially as to the provision for charitable institutions, the educational work of the State and the advancement of the health work throughout the State. The bond issue for permanent improvements had enabled the committee to provide liberally for maintenance and for education and the health work.

There was a special act that carried $15,000 that would be used in co-operative work with the Federal government and the Rockefeller fund for sanitary inspections throughout the State that would be far-reaching in effect, the funds to be augmented by county appropriations and private donations. The general health work received $37,500. There is a $15,000 appropriation for inspection of school children, and $15,000 for special quarantine control. Indeed, the scope of the whole health and educational endeavor of the State is greatly strengthened by the appropriations work of the session.

Big Advance for Education.

Chairman Oates, of the joint committee on education, declared that probably no Legislature in this State has ever enacted the volume and type of legislation for the furtherance of education that will prove as progressive and constructive as has this session. The appropriation of $50,000 for the elimination of illiteracy is in itself a tremendous advance. This will be used in paying teachers for teaching adult illiterates. This work will represent an expenditure of $100,000 within the next two years and practically means the wiping out of adult illiteracy in the State within that time.

Another great advance was the raising of the compulsory school attendance age from 12 to 14 years. This is to be effective next September and makes the State regulations conform with the Federal factory inspection regulations.

Another far-reaching measure is the provision for a constitutional amendment that will assure to every county in the State six instead of four months minimum school term. This must be ratified by the people at the next general election.

For High Schools.

The provision of $100,000 for aiding the high schools in the State and the creation of the $500,000 fund from the three million dollars bond sale as an additional loan fund for building school houses are other far-reaching measures that Chairman Oates is especially pleased with. It means, he says, that within six years or less time, with the accrued interest on loans, the State loan fund will amount to two million dollars and be a stupendous factor in the educational progress of the State.

Then there is the creation of an educational commission of five members to include business men and educators, to investigate educational needs of the State and the laws of this and other states as to education, and report with recommendations to the next Assembly. The scope of the work of this commission will include all phases of school control and administration, text book adoption or publication and supply to the children of the State and a system of pensions for teachers.

Finally there is the teacher certification act that will standardize the teaching profession and put it on a footing with other professions. Senator Oates really regards this as really the most important educational legislation of the session.

Improved Revenue Law.

Senator Gray of Forsyth, although one of the youngest members of the Legislature, filled the responsible position of chairman of the Senate committee on finance. He said today that the special effort of the joint finance committee was to frame and readjust the revenue law to make it more nearly fit the present conditions, make subject to

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FIFTEEN MEASURES URGED BY BICKETT ENACTED INTO LAW

1917 Legislature Adjourns Sine Die at 3 O'clock With "Corporal's Guard" Present

LAST BILL NUMBERED 1,215

Continuous Session of 63 Days Ended Without Final Action on a Number of Bills

(By W. J. MARTIN).

Raleigh, N. C., March 7.—The gavels of President Gardner in the Senate and Speaker Walter Murphy in the House sounded the sine die adjournment of the North Carolina General Assembly for 1917 at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The morning trains had carried the great majority of the members of the two houses to their homes and there was little more than the traditional "corporal's guard" present for the final closing ceremonies.

No legislation of consequence had been allowed to get through during the morning, as the Senate and House patiently waited for the enrolled bills to ratify them. The last one was number 1,215.

There were fifteen measures that were advocated by Governor Bickett in his inaugural address that have been made into law by this Legislature. They are:

Bicket Measures Enacted.

Constitutional amendment for six months schools.

Amendment exempting from taxation notes and mortgages for farm homes to $3,000.

Crop lien modification.

Teaching basic principles of good farming in all rural schools.

Encouragement of better sanitation in country homes, with expert assistance free of cost.

Making the rural school house a social center.

Medical inspection of children.

Incorporation of rural communities.

Reform in medical advertisements.

Provision for State-wide road improvement.

Absentee voting.

Creation of State commission to investigate and recommend as to State taxing system.

Consolidated management of State hospitals.

Purchasing agent for certain institutions.

Limiting time of chain gang sentences, prison reform and modern quarters for prisoners at the State farm.

Fish Bill Adjusted.

The Senate convened at 11 o'clock and principally 'marked time" for an hour when there was recess to 2 o'clock, when the final batch of bills was expected to be ready for ratification.

There was a report of adjustment of all differences in the fish bill between the two houses and the report was adopted so that the bill could be finally enrolled for ratification.

There was offered by Senator Pollock a bill to restore to the mayor of Kinston his judicial powers. This was passed and sent to the House.

The House convened at 10 o'clock.

Representative Matthews, of Bertie, brought up his bill for prohibiting the sale of wine in Bertie, Bladen and Hertford counties, and procured its passage in spite of effort of Representative Doughton to have the measure reconsidered. It had to go to the Senate and was not passed there, so that the bill failed after all.

Ward Health Bill Fails.

Representative Ward strove to procure the passage of a pet health bill of his, saying that he would not mind being considered a crank on health matters. The bill he was pressing would enable the State to obtain a special Federal fund and he wanted it passed.

Representative Ray, of Macon, was opposed to the whole business and blocked a vote by insisting that he would demand a roll call that would show no quorum.

Then came a move on the part of Matthews, of Bertie, to call up and pass the newspaper legal advertising rate bill that has had such rough sailing all through the session. The legislators would need defense at the hands of the newspapers in many criticisms that would be passed and he felt that it was due the newspapers to give them this needed relief from inadequate compensation for service most necessarily rendered and at little cost to those for whom the service is rendered.

Representative Ray thought that the bill had been sufficiently killed already and decently buried. He did not propose to let this new bill or readjusted schedule of rates pass when there had been no time for consideration.

Mr. Matthews came back with insistance that the House had not killed this partic ular bill. It allowed four cents for first insertion, and two cents for subsequent insertions per line. The proponents of the original bill had withdrawn it. He insisted that Mr. Ray had favored this amended bill.

Mr. Ray gave notice that he would demand roll call if the bill came to a vote.

Matthews proposed to call his "bluff" and it looked like the ballot would proceed, but at the urgent insistence of Mr. Doughton that no end of trouble

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POSTMASTERS TO FACE EXAMINATION

Those of First, Second and Third Class Will be Appointed Under New Rules

GOES INTO EFFECT APRIL 1

Some Democratic Leaders Roundly Denounce the Plan, But Mr. Burleson Tells Them It Is No Use to Protest.

Washington, March 7.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that after April 1 the appointment of all postmasters of the first, second and third class would be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the Senate as in the past but in making selections the President will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists.

Whether the Civil Service Commission, under which fourth-class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations has not been determined.

The President's forthcoming order will provide for a form of modified civil class classification under which all vacancies, whether caused by resignation, removal or death, will be filled by competitive examination. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the expiration of four years term begnnng wth ther last appontment and wil then, t s understood, have to undergo the competitive test.

A hornet's nest was stirred up by the announcement at the capitol where scores of members were in their offices preparing to leave for home. The order was roundly denounced by some of the Democratic leaders and several members construed it as a move to get combined Democratic and Republican support in a politically uncertain House.

Representative Carlin and Glass, of Virginia, were in a group of Democrats who called on the Postmaster General toda, and who were told about the plan. Democratic Leader Kitchin, of the House, delayed his departure for North Carolina to go to the Postoffice Department to register his protest.

Most of the congressmen who saw Mr. Burleson went on the latter's invitation to discuss the new play for systematizing postal accounting by establishing central auditing postoffices in county or district groups.

One Southern member asked if the Postmaster General had called them there to ask their views or to tell them what had been done. "I am telling you what is going to happen," he replied. The postmaster general is quoted as having told them that it was too late to protest as the order had been determined upon and would be carried out. He intimated that he was not the author of it but that it was a measure of efficiency and economy.

Another member suggested that the order would put many Republicans in office and still another wanted to know what would happen if the one man certified from the examination were a negro. The Postmaster General, according to those present, replied that the examinations would have to take place and there would be "no special privilege to anyone."

WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE

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taxation some assets now escaping their share of the tax burden and make the measure apply on a just and equitable basis to all and render more effective various sections of the law that experience showed to be in need of readjustment for effective administration, and make more certain the actual collection of the taxes due the State.

He said that one of the most progressive measures the committee put through, and one that is generally pronounced especially important, is that providing for an entirely new and uniform and up-to-date system of accounting for the State departments and the State institutions.

Special Tax Commission.

He regards the provision that the committee procured for the creation of a special commission to investigate the taxing system of this State and of other states and the devising of a modern system for North Carolina to be recommended to the Legislature for adoption as a most important movement. This committee can report to the next General Assembly or a special session if one is called. The present system of taxation, he says, is generally admitted to be antiquated and entirely unsuitable for the best interests of the State and the people at large, and the desire is to give the people an up-to-date and equitable system of taxation.

As to Fisheries Law.

In the matter of State fisheries legislation Senator McNider said that the legislation at this session has granted adjustments of the law that the State Fish Commission was especially desirous to obtain. The burden of fish taxes has been reduced materially for the small fishermen and maintained with some downward tendency on the larger fishing interests. The commission as now constituted has been left intact and its control and regulation of the industry strengthened instead of weakened as various bills were intended to do. The tax on fishing vessels is charged to gross instead of net tonnage. A tax of five cents per gallon is imposed on the scallops industry, which is developing considerably in this State. The tax on catches of fish for personal or home consumption is eliminated, much to the satisfaction of the fish commission by whom the tax was regarded as unnecessary and really unjust. The powers of the board to control its affairs has been amended in such way as that it will be possible to cut the cost of the administration of the department at a saving of probably $2,000 annually.

Baltimore, Mr., March 7.—United States Senator France, who voted against the cloture bill in the caucus today, declared tonight that when the bill comes up in the Senate he will vote for it, believing that at this time he should uphold the President. He said that in general he is against cloture.

MR. DEVINE DENOUNCES ACTION OF SENATOR STONE

Richmond, Va., March 7.—Miles J. Devine, president of the Cook County Democracy of Chicago, speaking tonight before the sixty members of the organization which accompanied him here, en route fro mthe inauguration, and a large gathering of local people, denounced the attitude of Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, in opposing President Wilson's armed neutrality measures.

"The Cook county Democracy," he said, "comprising some of the best known Democrats of the West, has no sympathy whatever with the attitude of Senator Stone in this crisis. We are solidly behind the President. His policies are our policies, and we are against any man who tries to cripple him in this critical hour. In saying this I speak for the entire organization."

TO INSPECT SOUTHERN SITES FOR PROPOSED NITRATE PLANT

Washington, March 7.—Secretaries Baker, Lane and Houston and a detail of army engineers, composing the board which will determine the location of the $20,000,000 government nitrate plant, left Washington tonight for a tour of proposed sites in South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The first hearing will be held at Columbia, S. C., tomorrow. The trip will be completed March 16, after which another tour will be made through the West.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL MISSING NEARLY A MONTH

New York, March 7.—A reward of $1,000 to arouse public interest in the search of Miss Ruth Cruger, 18-year-old high school graduate, who disappeared from her home in this city on February 13, was offered today by her father, Henry D. Cruger. The girl has not been seen by her parents since she left home to go to a sporting goods store where she had left her skates to be sharpened. The proprietor of this store disappeared after he had been questioned by detectives.

ENGLAND IRRITATED OVER REPORTS FROM HOLLAND.

London, March 7.—The report current here that Holland is determined to lay up her ships rather than expose them to the dangers of the German submarine war zone is causing so much irritation that it would not be surprising if the governments of the Entente should adopt retaliatory measures, unless negotiations between London and The Hague reach a successful conclusion.

Saturday is "Heart Day."

Asheville, N. C., March 7.—Mayor J. E. Rankin has named next Saturday, March 10, as "heart day", for the benefit of the Carolina Children's Bureau. In a proclamation, the mayor sets forth the objects of the bureau, declaring that it is doing a great work for crippled children in the State and ends with an authorization to sell hearts in behalf of the association. The funds raised through the sale of hearts will go toward carrying on the work of the bureau.

Bat Cave Folks Rejoice.

Asheville, N. C., March 7.—People of the Esmeralda Inn and Bat Cave section are rejoicing over the action of the Legislature in passing the bill to place seventy-five convicts at work on the Hickory Nut Gap road. The prospect of again having a road to Asheville, after being cut off practically since the flood last July, has caused the people of those sections to take a new lease of life.

CHINESE FLOUT DUTCH.

Snub Attempt to Win Them for East Indies Defense.

(Dispatch from The Hague.)

The attitude of the Chinese inhabitants of the Dutch East Indies toward the question of the colony's defense has been attracting attention in the last few months. In view of the new schemes for conscription it is of considerable importance, for these Indo-Chinese number several hundred thousand, and their industry and intelligence render them a more influential factor even than the actual figures indicate.

Hitherto their attitude has been disappointing to the Dutch authorities. On the occasion of the big native demonstrations held some time since in favor of strengthening the colony's defense forces, the most widely read Chinese paper at Batavia, the capital, flatly declared that Holland would be defeated in any eventual conflict with Japan, and that it would therefore be foolish for the Chinese to take the side of the Dutch; further, that its countrymen were not inclined to support such a movement on account of the treatment meted out to them by the government, desiring rather to be and to remain Chinese.

For three centuries the Chinese have lived under the Dutch tri-color, but it was only a few years ago that they were recognized as citizens o fthe colony. Beyond the happiness engendered by the possession of riches obtained by their own industry, their position has been far from an enviable one. Up to the present day they have been placed on a level with the "subjected" population of the Indian provinces. The Dutch rulers have recently made some concessions. For instance, Chinese are now at liberty to move about Java without the special passes formerly obligatory, and to settle outside the special quarters previously assigned to them.

THE PRINCE A GOOD MECHANIC

Wales Repaired Motorcar For a Woman Driver in London.

(Chicago Tribune).

The Prince of Wales, who was in London on leave recently, was walking with a brother officer when he found the woman driver of an official motorcar in difficulty owing to a breakdown.

The Prince of Wales spent nearly 20 minutes in energetic effort, which happily ended in the engine again running smoothly.

As she was thanking her unknown assistant the prince looked at his wrist watch and remarked: "Heavens! I shall be late." So the young woman said: "Jump in and I'll take you anywhere you like. It's the least I can do after the trouble you've pulled me out of. Where do you want to go?"

"Thanks, awfully," was the reply. "Home, please."

"Where's home?" she inquired, smilingly at the way he had naively imagined his address would be known.

It was only when he replied: "Buckingham Palace," that she realized that her principal mechanician had been the heir apparent.

COOK PORK WELL.

Bureau of Animal Industry Issues Fresh Warning.

(Washington Special.)

"Eat no pork or pork products unless they are cooked, if you would be certain of avoiding trichinosis." This is the warning issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. The warning has been issued so often that it would appear that it had been accepted by nearly everybody as an important rule of eating, but every year the bureau's attention is called to numerous cases which indicate that the warning is not heeded. In packing plants where pork products to be eaten raw are prepared for the market under the supervision of government inspectors the packers are required to heat the product suff ciently to destroy harmful organism, or to subject it for a considerable period to extreme cold, which accomplishes the same purpose. This treatment, however, is not to be construed as an indorsement by the bureau of such dietetic practices.

The government's supervision of raw pork products is limited to the establishments which prepare such products for interstate shipments. It can exercise no supervision whatever over countless small establishments which serve a limted trade, or over persons who kill and prepare pork for their own use. It is among farmers that every year about hog-killing time there is an outbreak of trechinosis—a serious, painful and often fatal disease, often traced directly to organisms in raw pork. In such cases it is usually found that farmers have made raw pork into special forms of sausage, which are eaten without cooking.

All pork should be cooked thoroughly. The organisms cannot live at a temperature above 100 degrees, hence if the pork is well cooked they are killed and rendered harmless. A practical rule is to cook pork until it has lost its red color throughout all portions, or, if a trace of this color is still present, at least until the fluids of the meat have become more or less jellied. The bureau advises that it should be made plain to every person concerned with the preparation of food that the warning to cook pork well cannot be violated without grave danger.

HE'S LITTLE, BUT A CAVE MAN.

When "Bill" Johnson's Wife Left He Yanked Her Back.

(Chicago News.)

The cave man is not extinct. "Bill" Johnson is a cave man, despite the fact he wears No. 6 shoes and a 14½ collar. "Bill" has a cave man's soul. Some time ago his wife fled his cave, which is out in Calumet avenue. Bill, who drives a wagon for a grocery, came home and found a note saying:

"Do not follow. Bood-bye, Mabel!"

"Bill" went forth with a paleozoic glint in his eye. A few nights later he connected. She, Mabel, was playing the piano in a State street "movie" house. "Bill" spotted her. The show was nearly over and he waited. Approaching her at last, he smote her once, twice and dragged her from her place by the hair.

Thus Mabel quit her job. "Bill," however, was apprehended. He appeared in front of Judge Mahoney with his wife, who produced a black and blue eye, a torn lip and various other bruises as evidence. The testimony went as follows:

Cave Man "Bill"—Your Honor, my wife deserted me for nothing. She doesn't know when she's well off. I found her playing in a bad place. I took her away.

Judge—You beat her up, "Bill" Johnson.

Cave Man "Bill"—I did, sir, for her own good.

Judge—Mrs. Johnson, what have you got to say?

Mrs. Johnson—I'd like to go home with "Bill" if he'll take me. I'm sorry I did it.

Judge—Call the next.

R. C. NELSON AT TARBORO, WILL GO ON TRIAL TODAY

Faces Charge of Killing Two Policemen and Wounding Mayor

Tarboro, N. C., March 7.—R. C. Nelson, charged with the killing of policemen Ranson Gwatney and Pat Riggin and seriously wounding Mayor J. P. Keech, at Tarboro last Saturday, while the officers were conducting a raid on his home in search for liquor, will be put on trial tomorrow, the grand jury having found a true bill of indictment against him. Mayor Keech is reported as slowly improving.

Hopewell Y, M. C. A. Burned

Petersburg, Va., March. 7.—The Young Men's Christian Association building at Hopewell was destroyed by fire of unknown origin at an early hour today. The loss is estimated at $50,000. The clubhouse was destroyed by fire recently entailing an additional loss approximately $45,000. The Dupont Company erected the Y. M. C. A. building.

VILLA TROOPS DRAW NEARER THE BORDER

(Continued from Page One.)

cavalry are now stationed at Fort Hancock.

The Mexicans, numbering approximately 400, have been at the San Martin ranch for three days and 40 of the band came to the San Juan mine, nine miles across the border to Fort Hancock yesterday to buy supplies.

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WILMINGTON LADY HAPPILY TELLS OF DAUGHTER'S GAINS

Mrs. R. A. Evans Tells How Her Daughter Gained 7 Pounds on Tanlac After Suffering for 3 Years. "She Looks and Feels So Much Better," Parent Says.

"I recommend Tanlac because it has helped my daughter, Mrs. Clemmons, so much and is the best medicine she has ever taken," declared Mrs. R. A. Evans, of 1015 South Second street, this city, to the Tanlac Man.

"For the past three years my daughter had been in poor health," continued Mrs. Evans. "She was prescribed for and tried various remedies, but with very little satisfaction. She was all drawn at times when stomach spells came on her. She had severe pains in her stomach. Any kind of food seemed to cause these spells and she was very weak and nervous and, of course, didn't sleep well. An operation was suggested, but we saw Tanlac advertised and now, thanks to it, my daughter feels and looks so much better. She doesn't suffer from misery in her stomach; she can eat anything now; her strength is increasing and she has gained seven pounds," Mrs. Evans ended smilingly.

Genuine Tanlac is sold in Wilmington exclusively by the Bellamy Drug Store. Each town has its Tanlac dealer.—Adv.

War News Summary

Momentarily there is a cessation in the attacks by the British forces along the Ancre and Somme fronts which recently have given to King George's men considerable ground held by the Germans at various points. Bombardments alone are reported in these regions and also along the line held by the French.

Considerable aerial activity has taken place between the British and Germans. London reports that three German machines were brought down and three others forced to descend damaged, but says four British machines were felled by the Germans and that seven others are missing.

There is little fighting of moment except the usual artillery duels and infantry actions by reconnoitering parties, in progress on any of the other fronts. The rout of the Turks toward Bagdad is being kept up by the British who have now advanced to within ten miles of Ctesiphon, which is 23 miles from Bagdad. The British reports record the Turks as being demoralized and leaving behind them large quantities of stores and numbers of guns.

Petrograd reports that the Russians have captured the Asadabad summit, a strategic position ten miles southwest of Hamadan, Persia, from the Turks.

The destroyer Cassini, one of the Allied Mediterranean patrol boats, has been sunk by a submarine. Seven officers, including the captain, and 100 members of the crew perished. Berlin reports that the Russian armored cruiser Ryurik has been badly damaged by striking a mine in the Gulf of Finland.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 7.—A washout today at Mascot, on the main line of the Southern Railway 12 miles east of here has necessitated the detouring of trains over a branch line between Knoxville and Morristown. Mines in the vicinity of Mascot also were flooded today.

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Keep this wonderful stomach sweetener in your home—keep it handy—get a large fifty-cent case from any drug store and then if anyone should eat something which doesn't agree with them; if what they eat lays like lead, ferments and sours and forms gas; causes headache, dizziness and nausea; eructations of acid and undigested food—remember as soon as Pape's Diapepsin comes in contact with the stomach it helps to neutralize the excessive acidity, then all the stomach distress caused by it disappears. Its promptness, certainty and ease in overcoming such stomach disorders is a revelation to those who try it.

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SPORTS

MAY STAGE DOUBLE BILL

Aberg and Beell May Be Put on As Auxiliary Match to Hanson-Ross Melee Friday Night

Wilmington wrestling fans may be treated to a double bill Friday night when Fritz Hanson and Jack Ross hook up and Ed. Aberg, "the human scissors", locks horns with Fred Beell, of Cowpens, S. C. Aberg arrived in the city yesterday looking after Hanson's scalp but he must first show the local fans what he has to recommend him.

This is in strict compliance with the determination of the local promotors' plan to use only men of established reputations as drawing cards here in the future. Beell and Aberg will probably be put on as an auxiliary match before the big fellows come on.

Beell met Hanson here last week and put up a bum showing. He asked for a return match but Fritz informed him that he would have to show the goods before he got another chance. Therefore, Mr. Beell and Mr. Aberg may make a riffle at entering the charmed circle Friday night.

After battling for an hour and twenty minutes in Charlotte Tuesday night, Con Albright, of Greenville, S. C., caught Pink Gardner, of Charlotte, with a cloth hold and slammed him to the mat with such force that he was rendered unconscious for 10 minutes and was dazed for some time after regaining his consciousness.

This was the second of a series of three matches between the two stars for a purse of $500. The first match was won by Gardner and the deciding contest will be staged in Greenville tomorrow night. One or both of these men are likely to appear in Wilmington as an opponent to Fritz Hanson at an early date.

Both have recently earned decisions over the local man, and Hanson is determined that he will regain his laurels from them after he disposes of Jack Ross and Johnny Daniels, who are just now the coming attractions at Woolvin Hall. Ross is billed to appear Friday night and the chances are that Daniels will be along early during the coming week.

Matty Masuka, a shifty subject of the Mikado, is also anxious to get a shot at Hanson and he, too, may join the all-star aggregation that are to invade Wilmington during the coming months.

Fritz is working out daily at the Y. M. C. A. and is rapidly regaining the form that he had early in the season before he got in bad from long train rides and loss of sleep. It was while in this condition that he lost to both Albright and Gardner. Later he nominally won a bout from Gardner, but under the referee's ruling, the contest was declared a draw.

Joe Turner has expressed a desire to come here and negotiations are underway to arrange the match.

Aberg was a caller at The Star office last night and brought the informaion that he was here for the express purpose of licking Fritz Hanson. He says he is the partner of the famous Waino Katonen, and is ready to meet all comers at his weight, 155 pounds.

Among the men whom he says he has disposed of are Jorgenson, Dan Larkin, Flodine and Herbert Hartley, the latter three times within an hour. He also claims a victory over Ed. O'Connell, former instructor of wrestling at Yale University.

NEW BERN NOT INTERESTED IN AN EAST CAROLINA LEAGUE

New Bern, March 7.—Talk of reviving the old Eastern Carolina baseball league is being heard by local fans but, as in the past few years, they are paying but little attention to it as far as any active part that New Bern would take in the revivication of that "unruly infant."

A few years ago New Bern was right ready to put forth a little of the reviving fluid. Several thousand dollars for this purpose had been subscribed and plans for the completion of the necessary details were under way.

Right at the crucial moment two of the towns backed out and then and there New Bernians lost all interest in the league and formed a city organization which has been giving entire satisfaction and it is more than likely that they will furnish about all the ball playing that will be seen here during the summer months.

Hoblitzell Signs Contract.

Boston, March 7.—With the receipt today of the signed contract of Hoblitzell, first baseman of the world's champion Boston Americans, Secretary John Lane said that the principal holdouts among the players had fallen into line. Hoblitzell, who received $5,600 last year signed at $5,000, it is understood. Hooper, Lewis, Leonard, Foster, Mays and Gregg are still unsigned, personal affairs being responsible for delay in some instances.

West Wins Doubles

Los Angeles, Cal., March 7.—Maurice E. McLoughlin and William E. Davis, for the West, defeated Theodore R. Pell and Bernon S. Prentice, representing the East, in straight sets in the doubles championship opening the East-West tournament here today. The score: 12-10; 6-4; 6-3.

JACK ROSS
Who Meets Fritz Hanson at Woolvin Hall Friday Night.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS ORGANIZED FOR MAXTON, N. C.

At Meeting of About 25 Enthusiastic Men of the Town.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Maxton, N. C., March 7.—At a very enthusiastic meeting held in the Bank of Maxton building Monday night, a chamber of commerce was organized. About 25 of the younger business men of the town were present and an equal number felt that Maxton was not doing all that it should to encourage outside capital to come in, and with this feeling the new organization was launched for the purpose of awakening interest of the home people, as well as outsiders. One of the main needs is to locate a good cotton mill, and already outside capital is awaiting an opportunity to come in and invest in such an enterprise. Other industries will also be sought and landed when possible. Mr. D. M. Clarkson was elected president; J. M. Armstrong, vice-president, and J. Earle Carpenter, secretary.

The committees were not elected at the meeting, but will be at the next meeting which will be next Monday night, when it is thought the membership will be doubled, or more. An advertising campaign will be set on foot as soon as plans are perfected, and no doubt this will mean a great forward step for the community.

FAYETTEVILLE BOYS ON BORDER TO RECEIVE A WELCOME HOME

Spanish War and F. I. L. I. Veterans Preparing For Event.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., March 7.—Spanish war veterans of this city and retired members of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry met last night and set on foot plans for a big welcome to the boys of the F. I. L. I.—Company F, Second North Carolina Infantry, as it is known in the National Guard—on their return from the border. A committee headed by Maj. B. R. Huske was named for the purpose of formulating definite plans for the welcome as soon as the date of the guardsmen's return can be ascertained. As soon as it is possible to do so the date of the arrival will be telegraphed from Camp Stewart by Capt. R. J. Lamb.

In addition to Major Huske, who commanded the local company in the Spanish-American war, the members of the committee on arrangements are Maj. N. H. McGeachy, Maj. E. R. McKethan, Maj. Paul Watson and Maj. A. G. Murchison, all former commanders of the company, Maj. J. V. McGougan, former chief surgeon of the Second regiment, Maj. J. C. Vann, commander of the reserve corps of the F. I. L. I., F. T. Hale, J. H. Anderson, J. H. Tyndall, G. C. Weisiger, H. C. Atkinson and E. L. Remsburg.

FUNERAL AT FAISON

Remains of Mrs. Faison Hicks Laid at Rest—Large Attendance

(Special Star Correspondence)

Warsaw, N. C., March 7.—The funeral services of Mrs. Faison Hicks, who died at her home in Calypso Sunday afternoon, were held Tuesday afternoon, and interment made in the cemetery at Faison. A large number of friends and relatives from different sections of the State were in attendance, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Mrs. Faison, who before marriage was Miss Della Herring, was a woman of strong Christian character, and greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Calypso Methodist church, the pastor of which, Rev. Mr. Wright, conducted the funeral service.

Besides her husband, Mr. Faison Hicks, the deceased is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Dr. Needham Herring, Wilson; Robert Herring, Mississippi; James Herring, Arkansas; Mrs. Bettie Wright, Garland; and Mrs. M. S. Witherington, Goldsboro.

Others attending the funeral from a distance included Mesdames Virginia Pigford, J. Keer, F. Johnson, and John Stephens from Clinton; Mesdames T. B. Pierce, D. E. Best, J. M. Loftin and Miss Mankie Noble, Warsaw; and Mr. Rufus Hicks, Wilmington.

MIGRATION SEVERE ON NEGROES

Those From South Dying by Hundreds in Philadelphia

(Philadelphia Dispatch)

More than 700 of the 20,000 Southern colored persons who came to this city within the last three months, overtaxing housing facilities, are dying with pneumonia and tuberculosis. More than 1,000 are ill with the two diseases and 2,000 are in distress of various kinds.

These figures are contained in a report made to Director Krusen by physicians appointed by him to investigate the conditions of these people. Many of the cases are discovered too late to be cured. Weather conditions to which the colored people are not acclimated, overcrowded houses, lack of sanitation and proper nourishment are the causes given for the conditions.

Of all cases of illness among them which were inspected by the physicians 60 per cent are suffering with pneumonia and tuberculosis and 70 per cent of those affected are dying. The Douglass and Mercy hospitals, the two colored institutions of the city have every bed filled with patients and others constantly arriving must now be cared for by other institutions.

Men, women and children who walk into the out-patient departments of these hospitals asking for relief are found to have developed active cases. In the Douglas Hospital are now 25 patients, of whom 19 or 20 are expected to die. In the Mercy Hospital are ten cases of whom seven are expected to die.

Despite the conditions, scores of other Southern colored people continue to arrive in the city daily, and the problem has become one of the most serious of its kind that the city has had to deal with in years.

WINTER PARK SCHOOL WON

Defeated Masonboro in Basketball 19 to 4 Yesterday Afternoon.

In a snappy game of basketball yesterday afternoon, the Winter Park school team won from the Masonboro school by a score of 19 to 4. Line-up: Winter Park, Maultsby and Hobbs, forwards; Montgomery, center; Annenhauser and Barber, guards. Masonboro, Jarrell and Hewlett, forwards; Herring, center; Capps and Farrow, guards. Substitute, Winter Park, Bryan. Goals, Montgomery 3, Hobbs 3, Maultsby 2, Bryan 1, Herring 1. Referee Orrell. Winter Park made one foul goal and Masonboro two.

WILMINGTON-RALEIGH SLEEPING CAR LINE, TRAINS 90 AND 91.

Effective with car leaving Wilmington Thursday, 3:20 A. M., March 8th, sleeping car service to Raleigh on train No. 90 will be discontinued.

Sleeping car service in the opposite direction, Raleigh to Wilmington, will be discontinued the same date. mh 7-2t

WORTH MILLIONS

But Could Not Buy Bread So Goes the Story

Like the Man at Klondike, Who Died of Starvation, with His Hut Full of Gold

Many Die Yearly, with Means of Salvation at Hand, Were They But Able to Use Them.

Physicians the world over have known of and believed in the virtues of cod liver oil. They have, alas, also realized its drawbacks and the impossibility of administering it where it would do good. Doctors have seen hundreds of people die whom they knew might have been saved had they only been able to take enough cod liver oil to obtain from it a sufficient amount of the medicinal principles which it contained.

It is not necessary to go to doctors to know why cod liver oil has not been a popular remedy, or to realize how few people are able to take enough of it to do them any good. The many who have needed and attempted to take this nauseating remedy, if they are still in a position where they need cod liver oil, are the ones who should throw their hats in the air and shout their joy from the house-top at the news which comes to us of Vinol.

These are the people who will never forget the name of this new remedy, nor will they ever cease to thank Mr. Robert R. Bellamy, our prominent druggist, for bringing it to Wilmington.

How simple it all sounds, now that we know of it. Here we have a preparation that looks like and tastes like delicious wine. It is a delicious wine with beef peptones, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates, only there has been added to it this extract of the cod's liver, this peculiar special extract of the curative principles, the means of obtaining which is the only discovery about Vinol. Every weak, run-down, overworked man or woman, feeble old people, delicate children, those recovering from any severe illness who need strength and those who suffer from chronic coughs, colds or bronchitis should be interested in this preparation.

Mr. Bellamy is kept busy explaining its merits and telling his many friends how it is now possible to take all that is necessary of cod liver oil, or Vinol, its concentrated active medicinal principles, to overcome disease. It has not been a difficult matter for him to explain, as he has done, the absolute uselessness of the grease itself and to demonstrate the great value of the medicinal properties of the liver of the cod. It has not been necessary for him to tell sufferers from such troubles that fat does not make fat, but simply upsets and disarranges the stomach.

There are many people right here in our city who know from but a few days' experience how much benefit they are deriving from this preparation, and who have already learned that the medicinal properties of Vinol act in a most wonderful manner in checking the symptoms of disease, while at the same time enabling the stomach to assimilate and digest from palatable, everyday food, the necessary nourishment to renew tissue depleted by disease.

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I never worry if I have a little rash or other eruption break out—I just put on a bit of Resinol Ointment. That takes out the itching and burning *instantly*, and soon clears the trouble away. I learned of Resinol Ointment through our doctor prescribing it for my brother. Tom had been almost frantic with eczema for months but that ointment healed his skin like magic.

Resinol Ointment is sold by all druggists.

"CUT OUT DRINK" SHE SAYS.

Miss Katherine Locke Advises This as Preparedness Step.

(From Philadelphia Inquirer.)

There is a new-old kind of preparedness afloat, total abstinence, according to Miss Katherine Locke, author and lecturer to woomen of society. At her fortnightly Current Topic class at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel she did not withhold criticism or society circles in speaking of it. She said:

"The drink question can also be applied to members of the smart set. Let them cut out the wine and cocktails and then they will be more perfectly fit to serve their country. Should any crisis arise it will be necessary for all classes of men to fight at the front."

Miss Locke said total abstinence should be the "first white line of defense" in military preparedness. She added:

"The first and most essential thing to be done for preparedness is to take the drink out of the home and not to wait for any restriction like that imposed on the belligerent nations of Europe at the beginning of the war. It was not until drinking was curtailed by law in England, Russia and France that any great military effectiveness was evident in their concerted actions."

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted in joint meeting on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order a primary election for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and candidates from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards of said City as members of the Council of said City to be held on the 17th day of April, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted at a joint meeting held on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order the regular municipal election in said City for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilman each from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards in said City. Said election to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington has ordered for both the primary election and the regular municipal election hereinbefore mentioned an entirely new registration of the voters of said City and that voters who have registered for said primary election need not further register for the regular municipal election.

The following named polling places have been designated and the registrars and judges of elections appointed for the holding and conducting of both said primary election and the regular municipal election.

First Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Engine House, Fourth and Campbell—Registrar, R. T. Darden; Judges, James Lewis, J. B. Elkins.

Second Ward Precinct—Polling place, Police Headquarters, City Hall—Registrar, W. W. Hodges; Judges, D. H. Howes, John R. Turrentine, Jr.

Third Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Giblem Lodge, upstairs—Registrar, L. H. Partin; Judges, W. G. Farmer, J. A. Austin.

Fourth Ward Precinct—Polling place, Mills' Stables, Dock street—Registarr, L. W. Warrock; Judges, J. B. King, John D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr.

Fifth Ward Precinct, First Division—Polling Place, New Engine House—Registrar, R. C. Cantwell; Judges, W. W. Sellers, L. T. Landen.

Fifth Ward Precinct, Second Division—Polling place, Old Engine House—Registrar, John Walton; Judges, J. B. Fales, W. M. Creasy.

Sixth Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Mann's Store—Registrar, J. F. Mann; Judges, W. A. Woods, J. H. Womble.

The said primary election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 17th day of April, 1917.

The said regular municipal election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 1st day of May, 1917.

Each registrar will, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 5:00 o'clock P. M., on each day (Sunday excepted) for seven days preceding the day for the closing of the registration books keep open said books for the registration of the voters in their respective precincts, and said registration books will be open from 9 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M. on each Saturday during said registration period and shall be closed for registration on the second Saturday before the 17th day of April, 1917. No registration will be allowed on said election day except to such person as shall give satisfactory evidence to the registrar and judges of election that he has become of the age of twenty-one years, or otherwise has been qualified to register and vote since the registration books closed for registration.

On the second Saturday before the election the registration books will be kept open at the polling places in the voting precincts for the inspection of electors and to enable challenges to be made to right of any person to vote in said election whose name appears on said books, and if any person is objected to notice shall be given him and a hearing granted as provided by law.

The Council has appointed Registrars and Judges of Election as hereinbefore stated, and caused them to be notified of their appointment, and will cause to be furnished all necessary books and arrange for the ballots and will fill all vacancies occurring either as to registrars or judges as provided by law, and will receive returns from said elections as provided by law.

By order of the Council of the City of Wilmington.

THOS. D. MEARES,
City Clerk and Treasurer.

NP Philadelphia, Pa. 1 P.M.

Mch. 7, 1917

Morning Star, Wilmington, N. C.

Much regretted that by error our instructions to you sending recent John Wanamaker advertisement did not contain caution of well known Wanamaker advertising policy prohibiting publication Wanamaker advertisements in Sunday issue.

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Just received a very large shipment of knit underwear in spring and summer weight. We are now in a position to please ladies, misses and children with a varied assortment of Munsingwear for spring.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1917.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

'Twould be sweet when I reach the end of the way,
Where a strict account must be given,
To know that sometimes, tho' I knew not when,
I had led lost wanderers to heaven.
—By S. F. W.

Advertise, but never advertise your troubles.

Now you have to mit your friends instead of minting them.

Of course, "mountain air is intoxicating," but there is no way of getting it by express.

Dr. Gregory asserts that Harry Thaw is "fit for trial." Maybe that's about all Harry is fit for.

Eloquence has brought on many a fight but we have no recollection that it ever stopped one.

By cracky, it's been bone dry a long time with fellows who have not had a bone to spare for interstate traffic.

General Maude can't get close enough to the fleeing Turks to give them a good imitation of the regular Maud's kick.

Don't worry about the Stars and Stripes. Devotion to it counts more than applause, yet demonstrations are always in order.

Since potatoes are selling at jewelry prices, it's no longer a native slur for South Carolinians to call each other "small potatoes and few in a hill."

Maybe they don't like to be called traitors and scoundrels but if they are any ways sensitive they'd better stuff cotton in their ears and not read the newspapers.

The Jacksonville Times-Union says: "Strange, the head of the family must foot the bill." Maybe that's the reason she's always calling for more money and then some.

Senator LaFollette has had an idea of being president, but his course in politics indicates that he'd have no showing for the position of dog pelter—outside his own state, at any rate.

The European conflict has sifted down to only one issue, so far as America is concerned. Upon that issue all Americans will stand when it is once joined, as it probably will be unless America's unalterable position is respected upon the high seas.

The Woodmen of the World in the State are going to establish an orphanage and Goldsboro and New Bern are candidates for its location. Judge Henry R. Bryan, of the latter city, has offered the Woodmen a desirable tract of land, free of all cost, if they will locate the institution there.

Philadelphia experienced a great deal of excitement a few days ago, because a pair of horses ran away with a wagon and smashed into a trolley car All of this is alleged to have been brought about by a man who tried to whistle "Under the Old Apple Tree." Just suppose what a lively stir would be created if some whistler would suddenly light in on "Dixie."

Congress can delegate its power, when ever it so desires, and that is all President Wilson is asking it to do. He has not asked it to surrender its power. Congress is asked to put a certain trust in the hands of the President and he has proved himself worthy of its during the last two years or more. If Congress prefers to tie the President's hands, then Congress will have to exercise its own power without giving the windjammers a chance to array their conversation against the power possessed by the people's representatives.

NEW COMERS ARE COMING

Many new comers are locating in this portion of Nation's Garden Spot and they are only pioneers who will blaze the way for others. This section is to be congratulated that a fine class of Northerners and Westerners are coming here in accordance with the idea of building up the outside as a means of building up the inside, countered by the motive of building up the outside from the inside—a two -fold constructive development factor of easily recognizable potentiality.

The Star likes to hear of the incoming of new comers and while we can't keep track of all of them we get next to some of them now and then. They are coming into the various counties in Wilmington's tributary territory and soon they will be completely identified with us in developing this marvelously resourceful region of Eastern North Carolina. We salute the new comers, for they are the very kind most readily affiliable and assimilable with our own people. They come to us across merely invisible lines separating the states of a common country and they come into the midst of compatriots whose ethics and ideals easily adjust themselves on the same identical line. It is a matter of satisfaction that this class of new comers augments the development forces here and that they bring new energies and new capital without bringing aught else but the same Americanism as that of their Tar Heel neighbors.

Yesterday the "building up the inside from the outside" sanctum of The Star had a pleasant call from Messrs. S. Sterling and A. F. Riggin, two intelligent and strudy young Pennsylvanians who have decided to locate within the grand domain over which Governor Bickett holds eloquent and constructive sway—"the constructive Governor", if you please. The splendid county of Columbus had the good fortune of cinching them, for they have bought a farm at New Berlin from Mr. R. C. Applewhite, the tract embracing 60 acres cleared and ready for agricultural purposes.

With Messrs. Sterling and Riggin that means diversified farming, for they have learned through The Star about our soil potentiality and the crop versatility of this incomparable section. They are going to study up on the crop variety opportunity that The Star so often proclaims, and they are going to prove out the forage growing and stock raising adaptabilities of the Cape Fear country. They got wind of it in Philadelphia and they have acted wisely in locating near Wilmington where they will get the benefit of the livestock and dairying market to be created by the two packing houses and a modern creamery located in Wilmington. Their farm will be located within a quarter of a mile of New Berlin on the Atlantic Coast Line—the North and South railway which gives all this country rapid refrigerator transportation to Northern centers embracing some 30,000,000 consumers.

Yet another new comer to whom welcome is extended is Mr. Hill who has looked over the promised land and picked out a choice spot of it in the resourceful county of Pender, cleaved by the North and South railway which adds the necessary traffic facilities to this section's numberless advantages. Mr. Hill comes from the good state of Ohio to the Good Old North State, and he has moved down with his family and settled them upon 845 acres of land, known as the "Shaw place", near Lane's Ferry on the Northeast river. He is now receiving his cattle, horses and agricultural equipment by the carload. He has been down and carefully investigated the adaptabilities that convince him that this can be made a great livestock country. We understand that he will make cattle and hog raising a specialty, although that spells the diversified farm industry of which Pender county is so exceptionably capable. North Carolina welcomes men like Mr. Hill.

While Eastern North Carolina counties are anxious for publicity, The Star suggests that a good way to get it is through satisfied new comers. By cooperating with them in every possible manner and giving them the glad hand, as well as the helping hand on occasions, they are sure to score success. Success for them means a powerful inducement for others, for the pioneers are but leading the way for more opportunity seekers. We understand that Mr. Hill expects to locate several Ohio families in his neighborhood later on.

THE NATION'S DUTY

Americans imbued with the spirit and genius of their government and who inhently vision the destiny of this free and independent Republic, fully understand that it has a national prestige that it must safeguard and preserve inviolate at all times and under all circumstances. The citizen to the manner born has no difficulty in comprehending this, but we have a cosmopolitan population which seems to confuse the point of view at times. After due process of time the melting pot fuses and assimilates the elements which finally get the American spirit.

Whether a portion of our mixed population can readily get the American view or not, it will prevail and especially will it do so in the matter of protecting all the sea rights of the United States. This has been done in every instance since 1776, notably in 1812 when a war was fought with Great Britain on that issue and again in 1798-1799 when a state of war existed between the United States and France concerning privateer molestation of this country's merchant marine. America is not merely following a precedent in demanding respect for the flag and her commerce and the lives of her people who travel the seas but a great national principle is involved in the one matter of protecting inalienable and international rights as well.

Pride of nation, if nothing else, would impel us to go to war if necessary to decide that issue as it was on two notable occasions joined to the length of war. America is not hunting for a fight, but it is impelled by every national obligation to resent all manner of encroachments upon her clear maritime rights, either as the Nation sees them for herself or as conceded by international convention at The Hague. It is a world principle, too, and we cannot afford to ignore it as a nation of brave people.

Regretful as war may be, there is no other course to pursue when the aggressive is taken by any nation after all the arts of diplomacy have been exhausted. Former Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, pretty clearly states the case in an interview in the New York Post of March 1. While a visitor in New York he told a Post representative that "armed neutrality is correct in theory but that when it came to practice, it meant war with Germany." He aded emphatically that the United States must protect her ships on the high seas or forever abdicate her position as a first class power. He said further:

"What Europe does not understand is that we are not a distinct race, like the English, French, Germans, or Italians, New York is typical of the nation. Sitting in a theatre last night, I heard people talking in several different languages. The South is the only truly American section. The rest of the nation is still in the melting-pot. President Wilson, in view of this fact, has been wise to go slow. His idea that the United States occupy a position of armed neutrality is correct in theory, but when it comes to practice it means war with Germany, because she is the only nation sinking our ships and destroying American lives.

"Restrictions in commercial intercourse and confiscation of ships and cargoes, under Great Britain's embargo on exports to Germany, is a very different proposition from blowing up the Lusitania or the Laconia. Nobody wants war; but if the United States allows her ships and citizens to go upon the high seas she must protect them or forever abdicate her position as a first-class power.

"We ought to do one of the two things: either admit our inability to protect our commerce and forbid a ship or an American citizen to leave these shores, or prepare an army and navy commensurate with the wealth and power of the United States. This note-writing epoch has passed. It is now stern war or a backdown. We need rapid-fire guns, instead of rapid-fire typewriters. There is no room in this country for any man who is not loyal to the Stars and Stripes."

The issue is one which America cannot avoid if it continues to be thrust upon her. The only possible way that war can be averted is for Germany to recognize the principle for which President Wilson contends and to which the great masses of American people are overwhelmingly committed by national aspiration and precedent.

President Wilson has repeatedly asserted this right of the United States and there is no backing away from that issue after amicable protests are ignored and Americans are put to the test.

PROMOTING FIG CULTURE

The Charleston chamber of commerce, according to the Post, is engaged in promoting fig culture in the section around Charleston. Smyrna fig and caprifig cuttings are being distributed among the farmers and even in the city, and the promotion work will be carried out upon a careful and systematic basis. The cuttings have been sent to the chamber's agricultural secretary, Mr. Niven, by Mr. G. P. Rixford, physiologist of the bureau of plant industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, the latter of whom is in charge of some of the field work of the government station at San Francisco.

Mr. Rixford visited Charleston last fall in company with the horticulturist of the Southern Railway, which is keenly interested in the promotion. After investigating the soil and climate adatability of the Charleston region, Mr. Rixford expressed confidence that Smyrna figs and caprifigs would do well there. With reference to this special promotion, the Charleston Post says:

"The Smyrna fig is the principal fig of commerce. It is used for a great variety of purposes and is especially well known in all in its dried forms. Its quality is considered by most people the finest of all figs. The caprifig is also a fairly good fig. But it is sent along with Smyrna principally because the Smyrna will not grow without the caprifig ,or wild fig, from which it is pollinated. Moreover, the Smyrna can not be pollinated without the presence of a certain wasp, which carries the pollen from the caprifig to the Smyrna. When the proper time comes, Mr. Niven will receive some of these wasps from California, whither they had to be introduced before the Smyrna fig would do well there. Mr. Niven will distribute the cuttings and will watch their growth to see if they adapt themselves well to this climate."

Many varieties of the fig family propagate to perfection around Wilmington. We should say that the Smyrna fig will do the same, since the caprifig grows enormously close to Wilmington. We have noticed a couple grown to a height of 20 feet on Capt. E. D. Williams' place. The Maples, in East Wilmington. These trees produce thousands of small fig-like fruit, but because they never develop into the real article many persons have supposed that they were degenerates or inadaptable varieties. Some have been cut down because of that mistake, but they are only the lordly males of the fig in its original state. All figs are benefitted by father caprifig and many fine hybrids are possible when the male species is taken care of.

No one should cut down what is commonly called "freak fig trees," for they belong to the wonderful plant physiology that makes nature so interesting to the botanists and physiologists. The caprifig is literally covered with embryos and one large tree is capable of propagating a considerable orahard of Smyrnas. If you have a caprifig, procure some Smyrna cuttings from the government and if the native wasps do not fertilize Smyrna pollen, get the government to send the Asia Minor wasps that can be depended upon.

WHY HELP THE Y. M. C. A.

Why should Wilmington business and professional men contribute to the support of the local Young Men's Christian Association? This is a pertinent question at this time, because a finance campaign is being conducted for the purpose of raising $6,000, which will be used in paying off debts and to put the association firmly on its feet, so to speak.

To many, the Y. M. C. A. is nothing more nor less than a social organization, viewed much as club. It is true it has its social feature and it is likewise true that this is one of its greatest assets. But it is more than that. It is an organization of young men with a common purpose and a common aim. That aim and purpise is to enable them to render efficient service to their day and generation, to their home and their community, to their country and their God.

The Y. M. C. A. is a human institution and consequently has its weaknesses and its frailities, but nowhere else in Wilmington can be found a place where young men of every creed, of every calling and every class of life can meet together for physical, intellectual and moral development of body, mind and soul. It is the ante room to an ideal and true manhood.

The community's biggest asset is its young men. It is they who must guide its destinies when their elders have gone the way of all the earth. Surely it is worth while to provide a place where they may come together for such noble ends and grow up to the great responsibilities that the future will place upon them.

It is too much to expect that an organization of men on the threshhold of life should be expected to be self supporting. As well expect a college or university to be self supporting. Those who have reaped the benefits that have been achieved during past generations should surely be willing to contribute something for the present generation as well as for those that come after.

Only two per cent. of the associations of the country are self supporting. If the membership of the association was composed only of those who have means, of course they should support it, but this cannot be expected of an institution that is open to all, that offers its serves freely to the community and whose mission in the world is primarily to help those who could never have the advantages it affords except through this means.

All cannot help but there are many men and women in the community who have means that they can devote to this noble work. They should not hesitate to do so. They should help to make it the most useful institution in the city by giving it not only their financial support but by taking an active interest in its affairs.

Do your part today and help the workers in the finance campaign to realize their goal. If you have already done this or if you have not the means, of course it is not expected that you should do anything, yet if you can, come to their assistance today.

The great majority of American people decided upon what they think is right and it is quite plain that they will fight it out on that line of it takes all summer. The congressional obstructionists ought to have enough sense to know that the American Republic has come to a conclusion and that there is not the slightest possibility of compromise on the course that is ahead for this country. Those whose contrary convictions or obstinacy inspires them to oppose what is clearly the popular will, will call down on their heads condemnation, denunciation and contempt. They won't get a bit of credit for conscientiousness and they certainly are not entitled to credit for plain, every-day common sense. The overwhelming state of mind is antagonistic to their and they but make themselves an impotent buffer between the inevitable and the end of a predetermined set course.

LEARN HISTORY IN THE MAKING

To the Editor of The Star:

It was once my privilege to hear Prof. C. Alphonso Smith speak to the senior class of a woman's college on the subject of literature. The thing he told this bunch of girls, which struck me most forcibly, was to keep tab on what happens during their lives and to write about it. He said, of course, deeds had to occur but unless they are chronicled they need not have happened so far as the world is concerned.

The only way to make places and events famous is by song and story. The literary bee struck New England, my impression is, about 1840, and in consequence we are all familiar with Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Paul Revere's ride, etc., but how many of us ever heard of Ninety Six, Eutaw Springs, Guilford Court House or Emily Gieger's ride? The latter were just as big events as the former, but the stories and poetry have not been written and published about them.

I am glad to see that our women have gone to work patriotically, as they have always done when the necessity arose, to be prepared for eventualities, and in this connection I think it would be a good idea for some one who knows to give us some idea of what they did in the stirring days of 1861. Tell us about the cockades they wore and give us all the songs that were rife at that time. The sentiment is the same—Love for one's country.

This generation knows nothing of these songs or tunes. A few days ago three men, each past forty, one a Virginian and the others Carolinians, told me they had never heard "The Bonnie Blue Flag" or seen it in print. This should not be. VETERAN.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Portland Argus says: "The shoe and leather trade hastens to calm the public fears with the announcement that England's recent shutting out of importation of these goods will not lower the price of shoes in this country. This is well, for any drop in the price of anything would be hard on people with weak hearts." So high prices which were attributed to the British demand must not have been due to it since they continue after it is cut off.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

"The Twelve Judases," seems to be the most popular form of reference to the men who filibustered the armed ship to its death, but many of the newspapers manifestly have searched around vainly for the words they would apply, words which would fit the case and yet pass the censorship of the Postoffice Department. There may have been some paper which spoke up for LaFollette, Stone and the others, but if so, it has not reached the Observer office. The general sentiment of the newspapers of the country is one of unqualified indignation, and the best part of it all is the undoubted fact that these expressions on part of the newspapers reflect the sentiment of the country at large. It has been a long time since we have heard the once familiar expression of "a newspaper roast," but that is what LaFollette and party have been getting, and in connection with it there has been a Benedict Arnold renaissance. Even now we suspect Colonel Roosevelt is searching the records of ancient and profane history—especially the latter—for a word which he may precipitate upon the public by time the present spell of indignation shows signs of being on the wane just in order to revive it in true Rooseveltian style. For that we shall hear from Roosevelt and Taft and Hughes in due time there can be no doubt. It is the finest opportunity the Colonel's cussary has known in many a day to get into action.—Charlotte Observer.

MRS. W. P. CAMPBELL DEAD

Wife of Baptist Pastor at Chadbourn Buried at Burlington.

Chadbourn, N. C., March 7. — The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Campbell, wife of the pastor of the Baptist church of this place and Fair Bluff, were shocked and grieved to hear of her death, which occurred Monday at Rocky Mount hospital, where she had been carried for treatment. The remains were taken to Burlington for interment Tuesday.

Mrs. Campbell had been ill for some time, but news of her death came as a shock. She was of a sweet, noble disposition and greatly loved. The grief stricken relatives have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

MASS MEETING CALLED TO ENDORSE WILSON'S COURSE

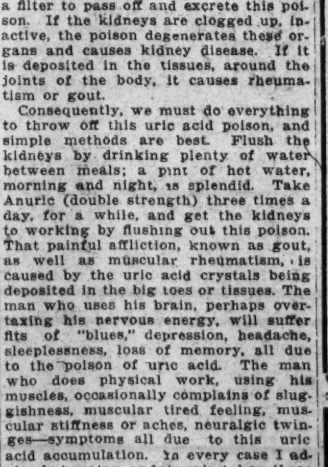
Fayetteville, N. C., March 7.—Mayor James D. McNeill today called a meeting of the citizens of Fayetteville for tomorrow afternoon to express their approval of President Wilson's action in asking for authority to protect American rights and to commend the North Carolina senators for their unqualified support of the President.

An Antidote for Uric Acid Poison

(By Dr. L. C. Babcock.)

There is a process going on within the body which often poisons us. It is something like the story of the snake being able to kill itself with its own poisons. This is the formation of uric acid in excess within the body. It is a waste product which takes place in the liver. This poisonous uric acid is then passed on to the kidneys, which act as a filter to pass off and excrete this poison. If the kidneys are clogged up, inactive, the poison degenerates these organs and causes kidney disease. If it is deposited in the tissues, around the joints of the body, it causes rheumatism or gout.

Consequently, we must do everything to throw off this uric acid poison, and simple methods are best. Flush the kidneys by drinking plenty of water between meals; a pint of hot water, morning and night, is splendid. Take Anuric (double strength) three times a day, for a while, and get the kidneys to working by flushing out this poison. That painful affliction, known as gout, as well as muscular rheumatism, is caused by the uric acid crystals being deposited in the big toes or tissues. The man who uses his brain, perhaps overtaxing his nervous energy, will suffer fits of "blues," depression, headache, sleeplessness, loss of memory, all due to the poison of uric acid. The man who does physical work, using his muscles, occasionally complains of sluggishness, muscular tired feeling, muscular stiffness or aches, neuralgic twinges—symptoms all due to this uric acid accumulation. In every case I advise hot water, and Anuric taken three times daily — a simple, safe remedy, which is to be had at almost every drug store.



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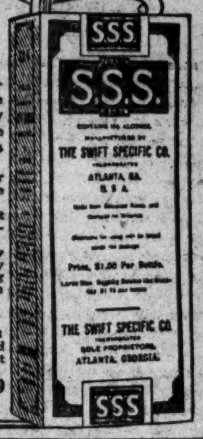

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REPRESENTATIVE GRANT REVIEWS LEGISLATION

New Hanover Member of Legislature Returns to Wilmington

Several Local Bills of Importance Enacted Into Law—State-Wide Measure For Inspection of Gasoline Was Passed

Representative L. Clayton Grant returned to Wilmington yesterday afternoon after two months of strenuous work in Raleigh looking after his legislative duties. Several important local bills were introduced by Mr. Grant and enacted into law while he also had an important part in State-wide legislation. The enactment of a State-wide law, introduced by Mr. Grant, providing for inspection of gasoline, was one of the important measures passed.

The former announcement of appointment of Councilman W. E. Jones as public defender in the bill passed this week providing for this officer for New Hanover was confirmed by Mr. Grant last night. The bill became effective upon its ratification. Its provisions are substantially the same as previously given in the papers, Mr. Grant stated. The salary is fixed by the Board of Commissioners but cannot be less than $600 nor more than $1,200.

One of the important local bills passed was that providing for an increase of the salary of Sheriff Jackson from $3,000 to $3,600 a year. This bill also provides for the increase of Constable John H. Davis' salary from $60 to $90 a month, which Mr. Grant considers a just compensation for this office, which is an elective one. The bill also provides for an increase of $25 a month for Office Deputy M. Cronly and an increase of $8 2-3 a month for Deputy Sheriffs Kelly and Rackley and for an increase of $10 a month for the stenographer in the office of the clerk of the Superior court. Mr. Grant's bill providing for the appointment of two rural policemen passed in the House but died in committee in the Senate.

An act defining the duties of the county solicitor was passed by Mr. Grant and requires that all warrants shall hereafter be signed by the solicitor instead of the Recorder as formerly. It also requires that an office shall be provided for the solicitor in the court house and that he shall be in his office for an hour before the convening of court each day and all witnesses subpoenaed by the State are required to report at the office of the solicitor. Mr. Grant feels that the salary for this office is large enough to require the solicitor, if necessary, to devote all his time to a discharge of his official duties.

Another bill prohibits the sale of quail snipe, woodcock or other game bird in New Hanover. This act is very specific and states that it shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale or have for sale any game bird in New Hanover county.

The State-wide fisheries law was amended in the House by Mr. Grant so as to prevent the use of purse seines for taking edible fish and to prohibit the setting of pound nets in the Atlantic ocean and to permit the use of haul nets in New Hanover with a bar mesh of not less than 1 1-8 inch. This bill was pased by the House but the Senate refused to concur and it went to conference and the committee recommended the first two amendments, which were adopted but rejected the last provision. The law expresaly permits the taking of oysters for personal use without the payment of a license tax. It also provides that any rule promulgated by the State Fisheries Board shall not be rescinded within two years after it is made.

Representative Grant's State-wide gasoline measure authorizes the State Board of Agriculture to fix the standard for its value, purity and freedom from objectionable substances and to employ five inspectors to enforce its provisions. It also requires all wholesale dealers to make a report to the board of all gasoline shipped into the State. The act does not become effective until July 1st.

Representative Grant introduced a bill providing for inspection of steam boilers which was defeated after a strenuous fight. In appreciation of his services, Representative Grant was presented by the boiler men with a handsome set of cuff buttons.

Representative Grant was on the committee that drafted the municipal and finance bill as it finally was enacted into law. One of the important provisions adopted was that a city may secure a vote on a change of charter after a notice of 20 days, provided there are enough to sign the petitions asking for an election and a majority of the votes cast is all that is necessary. A mooted question was as to whether it should be the majority of votes cast or a majority of the qualified voters, the former being championed by Mr. Grant.

Representative Grant was active in opposition to the workmen's compensation bill which never got out of the committee although its advocates put up a strong fight. The laboring men of the State were bitterly opposed to all the bills because they felt that it provided too little compensation in the case of accidents that were not fatal, Mr. Grant says. Mr. Grant was highly complimented for his able argument made before the committee in opposition to the measures proposed.

Representative Grant expressed himself as delighted at being back home again. While it had not been all smooth sailing and he and Senator Cranmer had a number of tilts, particularly over the question of appointing members of the New Hanover Board of Education, they have conducted themselves in the strenuous contest in good spirit.

Died in New York.

Mr. Charles E. Hooper, manager of the Hotel Wilmington, has received from Mr. Parker Lewis at Baltimore the following clipping from the New York Times of March 6, telling of the death of Mrs. Sarah E. H. Larom, Mr. Lewis' mother-in-law:

"Mrs. Sarah Emerson Haskins Larom, widow of Walter Larom, an importer of English cutlery, for many years in business in New Haven, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Lewis, 376 East 18th street, Flatbush. She was in the 83rd year and was born in Roxbury, Mass."

OFFICER NEGLECTED DUTY, SAYS COUNCIL

Policeman Should Have Arrested Murphy, Committee Reports

City Baseball League Wants Use of Playground For Games This Season. Senators Take Prompt Action to Provide Defenses.

Failure to arrest Mr. M. B. Murphy, a young white man, who made complaint that Plainclothesman Leon George had been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer of the law, was a dereliction of duty, according to the report of the investigating committee composed of Councilmen Hall, Jones and Bradshaw, which was submitted to City Council at its regular weekly session yesterday. The report was accepted by Council without comment.

A request that the City Baseball League be given permission to use the Robert Strange playgrounds for baseball games this season was made by a delegation composed of Messrs. L. F. Gore, W. K. Gaylor and Herbert Huhn and was referred to Councilmen McCaig and Bradshaw with power to act, provided the Tree and Park Commission approves. The delegation representing the City League also requested that some improvements be made to the grounds before the season opens on April 14th and this was also referred to the special committee.

Prompt action regarding securing the adequate defenses for Wilmington has been taken by Senators Overman and Simmons, according to letters received from them by Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, in reply to letters sent them last week conveying the request of Council that steps be taken to secure a battery of big guns to be stationed possibly at Wrightsville Sound. These letters were read to Council yesterday and are as follows:

"Mr. Thos. D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir: Your letter in regard to the protection of the city of Wilmington from attack by an enemy in the time of war received and in reply I beg to say that I have taken the matter up with the War Department and I hope they will give favorable action to your request.

"Yours very truly,

"LEE S. OVERMAN."

"Mr. Thos. D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Mr. Meares: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of February 28th with reference to the defenseless condition of the city of Wilmington from the ocean on account of the nearness to the same.

"I am referring your communication to the Secretary of War with the request that he give same his consideration.

"Very truly yours,

"F. M. SIMMONS."

There are not less than 1,500 surface closets in the city, of which there are 600 or 700 in the sewerage district, according to a report made by Mr. James H. Holton, superintendent of the city sanitary department, to Councilman Bradshaw. The latter brought this information to Council yesterday and stated in that connection that the Health Department had reported that there are only about 700 surface closets in the city. Councilman Bunting thought that possibly the enforcement of the law requiring sewer connections to be made in the sewerage district was being held up until hot weather in order to force the city to buy cans.

Mr. W. E. Merritt, superintendent of the Water Department, reported that three new fire hydrants have been installed on the Castle street extension, one at 12th and Castle, one at 13th and Castle and one at 14th and Castle, and they are now ready and can be used by the fire department. Fire Chief Charles Schnibben reported that the fire loss during the past month would not exceed $2,000. The department responded to 29 alarms during the month.

The report of the councilmanic committee on the investigation and hearing held Saturday afternoon on the complaint filed against Officer George follows:

"To the Honorable Mayor and Board of City Council,

"We, the undersigned, a committee appointed to investigate charges preferred against Mr. Leon George, a member of the Police Department, by Mr. M. B. Murphy, having heard both sides of the controversy, beg to make the following report:

"We find Mr. George guilty of a dereliction of duty in that he failed to place Mr. Murphy under arrest when the said Mr. Murphy interfered with Mr. George in the performance of his duty as a police officer and recommend that the chief of police be instructed to more thoroughly acquaint Mr. George with his duty under circumstances similar to the Murphy incident.

"Respectfully submitted.

"JAMES M. HALL,
"W. J. BRADSHAW,
"W. F. JONES."

"A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS" DELIGHTED LOCAL CROWDS

Fascinating Annette Kellermann Charmed Good Houses Yesterday

"A Daughter of the Gods", William K. Fox's million dollar motion picture production, featuring Annette Kellermann, the world's "most perfect woman" in the leading role, was presented to fair houses at both matinee and evening performances at the Academy of Music yesterday.

In accordance with an agreement made by the management of the Academy, with a committee representing the Wilmington Minister's Association, who had raised some protest against the show, interviewed the show manager upon his arrival in the city and were assured that the overdrawn advance scenes were not incorporated in the picture and that there was absolutely nothing that could offend any one.

After this assurance the picture was shown intact, although it was rumored over the city, that some parts of the reel had been taken out.

The show made a decided hit with the audience with its wondrous beauty, and its superb harmonizing of rythmic motion and romantic scenes. The fairyland scenes and the gambols of Miss Kellermann in her peculiar role were fascinating in the extreme.

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CITY ELECTION IS CALLED BY COUNCIL

Registrars and Judges Are Appointed at Meeting Last Night

Registration Books Open on March 30th and Remain Open Until April 7th—Entirely New Registration is Ordered.

An entirely new registration for the approaching municipal primary on April 17th and city election on May 1st was ordered by City Council at a special meeting of this body held last night in conjunction with the city board of elections. The official call for the election with the appointment of registrars and judges appears elsewhere in today's paper.

The registration books will open on Friday, March 30th, and will remain open until Saturday, April 7th. There was considerable discussion as to the meaning of the city charter which provides that the registration books shall be kept open for seven days and also that there shall be a day for challenges, which shall be the second Saturday before the primary election. It was finally decided that it is within the meaning of the statutes that the books shall be open for eight days not including Sunday and that the last day shall be for challenges and also for registration.

The meeting was attended by all members of City Council and Councilman Merritt, mayor pro tem, presided Chairman C. W. Woodward and Messrs. William E. Lawson, J. J. Loughlin and Maj. W. N. Harriss, of the city board of elections, were also present and took part in the meeting. The call for the election was made last night in order to comply with the statute which provides that 30 days' notice shall be given.

DIRECTORS OF HOWARD-WELLS HOLD FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Report of Condition of Corporation Highly Satisfactory

The first annual meeting of the stock holders and directors of the Howard-Wells Amusement Company was held at the office of the corporation in the Royal Theatre building yesterday afternoon. The Howard-Wells Amusement Company was formed March 1st, 1916, taking over the operation of the Royal, Grand and Victoria Theatres and the Academy of Music, and incorporated with $100,000 capital stock, all subscribed. Messrs J Howard and Percy Wells having active charge of business of the corporation as secretary-treasurer and president respectively.

The stockholders meeting was held at 4 p. m. yesterday and all stockholders, with exception of a very few shares were represented. Mr. James Howard, secretary and treasurer, presented a highly satisfactory report of the past year's operations. The past twelve months have brought about conditions in the amusement field that have been very unfavorable, stated Mr. Howard, and while thousands of amusement enterprises throughout the country have been forced to the wall, during the stress of havering war clouds, presidential election and other events which exert a very pronounced influence upon the theatrical business. Notwithstanding this, the corporation had a very successful year. A dividend of 7 per cent was declared payable to stockholders and the sum of $3,000 was appropriated to the sinking fund as provided in the corportaion charter. The retiring board of directors were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The meeting of the directors followed at which reports of operations for the past year were made by Messrs. Howard and Wells and other matters of impartance taken up for consideration. The matter of future improvements in the theatres controlled by the corporation during the coming year include contemplated improvements to the Victoria Theatre which will cost approximately $12,000, plans for this work now being in the hands of architects. At the election of officers for the new year, Mr. Percy W. Wells and Mr. James Howard were re-elected president and secretary and treasurer respectively, and Mr. A. O. Schuster was elected vice-president.

Both the stockholders and directors before closing their deliberations, extended a vote of thanks to the management for the able manner in which the affairs of the corporation had been conducted during the year, and expressed their pleasure at the showing made for the first year.

ADJUTANT CROFT HERE TODAY

Salvation Army Worker Will Conduct Two Services in City Tonight

Adjutant Croft, in charge of the Young People's department of the Salvation Army, will arrive in the city today from Columbia, where he has been conducting some special meetings in the interest of the young peoples' work of the Salvation Army in that city.

Mr. Croft will be in Wilmington one night only, but will conduct two special meetings during that time. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the corner of Front and Princess streets, and the second at 8 o'clock in the hall near Front and Dock streets.

At this meeting special songs will be sung in connection with the dedication service and the enrollment of young people, together with the presentation of the pledge cards to the boys of the A. C. L. The public is invited to attend each of these services which will be both interesting and helpful.

ARE INSPECTING A. C. L.

Noted Railroad Officials Are Making Tour of System.

Mr. J. N. Brand, assistant general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line; Mr. R. A. McCranie, general superintendent; Mr. Roy V. White, managing editor of the Railway Age-Gazette; Dr. John P. Munn, chairman of the railroad department of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.; Mr. John F. Moore, senior secretary, and Mr. G. K. Roper, traveling secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., are making a tour of the Atlantic Coast Line system, according to information given out yesterday morning.

The party will stop over Sunday at Waycross, Ga., where a number of brief addresses will be made at a meeting presided over by Mr. H. D. Reed, president of the Progress Club. From Waycross the next stop will be made in Florence, S. C.

FINE SHOWING IS MADE BY FINANCE WORKERS

Over a Thousand Dollars in Subscriptions Reported Yesterday

Campaign Will End Tonight And Determined Effort Will Be Made Today to Reach The Goal of $6,000—Much Enthusiasm.

Subscriptions amounting to $1,040.70, which brought the total for two days up to $3,291.70, were reported at the noon luncheon at the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday and the workers are confident that with hard work today they can reach the goal of $6,000, which is the amount needed by the association for its work this year, by tonight when the campaign closes.

Much enthusiasm was displayed yesterday as the different teams made their reports after having enjoyed the most excellent dinner which was prepared and served by ladies of the Presbyterian churches of the city. The army division under the able leadership of "General" J. F. Roache had put in some excellent work during the proceeding 24 hours and were able to report for the day a total of $589.20 while the Navy division with "Admiral" William Struthers at the helm were able to bring in subscriptions amounting to $451.50.

With the excellent work done yesterday the army division brought their total for the two days nearly up to that of the navy division. The army division for the two days had a total of $1,632.70 while the navy division had to its credit $1,659.

Mr. W. B. Thorpe's team of the navy division failed to maintain its lead of the day before yesterday and the pennant went to Mr. Alex. Sprunt's team, Mr. John R. Hanby's team of the army division had better luck and again "copped" the pennant for the day.

Although nearly $2,800 still remains to be raised today, the workers are confident that they can secure this amount and will put in some hard licks before the sun goes down tonight. It is probable that a demonstration of some kind will be given tonight.

Robert Ruark, Esq., stirred up much enthusiasm in a short address at the luncheon yesterday by calling attention to the fact that one wholesale firm on the wharf had subscribed $75. It is a motable fact, said Mr. Ruark, that practically all those doing business on the wharf were once country boys and the every member of the firm from which he secured the handsome subscription once followed the plow handles, breathed God's pure air and were browned by the summer's sun in the open fields. Mr. Ruark thought this a good omen for the association.

President H. Lacy Hunt called attention to the need of earnest and strenuous work but entertained no doubt as to the results. Hard work can put the association where it rightfully belongs, he declared, and the men behind the movement are those who do not know the word fail.

In going after subscriptions, it should not be forgotten that the association needs more than money, declared Mr. D. H. Howes, Jr., and those called upon should be made to feel that it is their interest as much as their means that is wanted.

On motion of Mr. C. C. Chadbourn the association extended a rising vote of thanks to the good ladies who so cheerfully and gladly served the appetizing luncheon. The Methodist women of the city will serve the dinner this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. Everyone who can lend a hand in the cause is invited to meet with the workers.

The reports of the different teams as submitted yesterday are as follows:

Navy division—Mr. W. B. Thorpe's $89; Mr. W. R. Dosher's team, $60; Mr. Alex. Sprunt's team, $117.50; Mr. J. L. Becton's team, $95; Mr. C. C. Chadbourn's team, $30; Mr. L. F. Duvall's team, $10.

Army division—Mr. D. H. Howes' team, $79.20; Mr. J. W. Yates, $115; Mr. John R. Hanby's team, $162.50; Mr. J. S. Brown's team, $92.50; Mr. Robert Ruark's team, $115; Mr. L. S. Everett's team, $25.

WE OWE IT TO HOLMES

Fruits of Work Begun by Late North Carolinian Now Observed.

The Raleigh News and Observer of a recent date, has the following editorially:

"Considering the number of tons of coal mined in 1916, there were fewer men killed in the industry that year than in any previous year according to an official statement of the United States Bureau of Mines just made public.

"Few North Carolinians, acquainted with the recent history of the State will read the foregoing paragrph without connecting it at once with the late Dr. Jos. A. Holmes, so much beloved and admired in this State.

"Dr. Holmes was the father of 'safety first.' As director of the Bureau of Mines he demanded precautions for the safety of miners. The loss of life still is frightful, but gains have been made and will continue to be made. The spirit of Holmes still lives and animates the Federal bureau that is back of this great humanitarian activity."

BISHOP DARST IN RICHMOND

Conducting Largely Attended Mid-Day Lenten Services at St. Paul's

Yesterday's Richmond Virginian has the following of local interest:

"Well-known in Richmond, where he was pastor of a large congregation for many years, Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of East Carolina, is drawing large crowds to the midday Lenten services in St. Paul's church. These services are held from 1 to 1:30 o'clock each day and Bishop Darst is in charge for this week.

"As the services are for business men in particular the middle aisle is reserved. The sides aisles and balcony are open to women.

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DECATUR, Ill., Sunday.—Noah Lundy, a farmer living near Arcola, is moarning the loss of $2,650 in United States currency. Lundy had secreted the bills in a mail order company's catalogue and while away from home his wife burned the book with other waste papers.

—Item from the Evening Telegram.

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LADIES' FURNISHINGS DEALERS WILL HOLD JOINT OPENINGS

Under Co-Operative Plan All Will Hold Spring Openings on March 13-14-15.

Under a co-operative plan entered into, practically all of the department stores, ladies' ready-to-wear dealers and millinery stores will hold a joint opening and display of their spring styles and fashion on March 13-14-15.

This is done so as to permit the people of the city and of neighboring counties to come to the city at a specified time to see the various styles and goods at the different stores. While all the stores who have entered into this agreement will not continue their display during the entire three days, all will open for their first day on March 13.

This arrangement will work a great convenience for all shoppers and especially those who live out of the city, it is pointed out. While the men's furnishing stores have not agreed to have a formal opening at the same time with the others, it is likely that a number of them will take advantage of the opportunity.

RETURNS FROM BORDER

Lieut. Geo. W. Hardwicke Resumes Position With American Bank.

Lieut. Geo. W. Hardwicke has returned to his position with the American Bank and Trust Co., of this city, after an absence of seven months on the Mexican border, where he served in the South Carolina infantry. Mr. Hardwicke joined the South Carolina troops immediately after the call for volunteers. He was associated with a number of his college friends who were with him at the Citadel at Charleston, S. C., which, of course, made it a more happy stay.

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Just to give you an idea of how complete our assortments are, we're listing a few of the most important styles. Silk novelties for sport wear, rolling collars, large flat collars and sets and filet lace and hand embroidered novelties—but there are scores more that you MUST see.

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New Silk Dresses Today

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. Roger Moore, Sr., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur L. Mills, of Greenville, S. C.

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Mrs. W. L. London, of Pittsboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. James, at Carolina Heights.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Furgus have returned from Washington, where they attended the inaugural ceremonies.

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Mrs. T. Y. Morriss, of Wilmington, was among those who attended the inauguration of President Wilson.

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The Board of Directors of the Y. W. C. A. will meet in the association building this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Toon and daughter, Miss Bessie, have returned from Washington where they attended the inaugurtaion of President Wilson.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of Calvary Baptist church will have a meeting this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the church. All the members are urged to attend.

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Friends of Mrs. J. W. Westbrook will be glad to learn that she is improving after an illness of several days and that she hopes soon to be able to be out again.

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Misses Vera Furlong, Anna Banks and Marguerite Bergen have returned from a very pleasant visit to Washington, D. C., where they recently went to attend the inauguration.

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The Ladies' Society of Winter Park Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, in the Chadbourn building. All members and friends of the society are urged to be present as there will be an election of officers and other important business. Members are asked to note the change of hour of the meeting.

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The regular monthly meeting of the teachers and officers of the First Baptist Sunday school will be held in the Sunday school room of the church at 8 o'clock tonight. All teachers are requested to bring their class rolls. After the business session, refreshments will be served and Mrs. B. T. Hopkins will act as hostess at a short social session.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. W. L. London, of Pittsboro, who spent three weeks in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. A. London, Jr., the former her son, left Monday afternoon for a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. C. James, in Wilmington. Mrs. H. A. London, Jr., accompanied her to Wilmington and after a short stay there will leave for New Bern to visit her parents, Judge Henry Bryan and Mrs. Bryan."

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The Literary department of the Sorosis will hold its regular meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A full attendance of members is desired as there will be a discussion of the advisability of adopting for next year's work the course of study recommended by the General Federation of Women's Clubs on the subject of Latin-America. During the hour of the meeting the art exhibit in the club rooms will be closed to the public.

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Yesterday's Richmond Virginian: "Mr. and Mrs. Granville Craddock, of Houston, Va., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Arthur Stanley Chadbourn, of Chadbourn, N. C., the wedding to be celebrated early in April. Miss Craddock is a lovely girl and is a descendent of one of the oldest and best-known families in the state. Her father has been clerk of Halifax county for many years, and she has a great many friends and relatives throughout Virginia. Mr. Chadbourn is equally as prominently related as his bride-to-be, and their wedding will be an event of much social interest in Virginia and North Carolina."

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MISS VIVIAN MATTHEWS BRIDE OF MR. ROBINSON.

Mr. Decatur Robinson and Miss Vivian Matthews were married at 10 o'clock last night in the parsonage of Grace Methodist church by Rev. M. T. Plyler, the pastor. Mr. Robinson is a popular and efficient clerk of the Southern Express Company and both he and his bride have hosts of friends in the city who will extend best wishes to them.

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PROGRAM FOR PRESBYTERIAL IS ARRANGED BY COMMITTEE

The executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Presbyterial of the Wilmington Presbytery met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church for the purpose of arranging the programe for the annual meeting which will be held at Clarkton the latter part of April. Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, president of the Presbyterial, presided at the meeting. The programe will be announced shortly.

Members of the committee outside of the city here to attend the meeting of the committee were: Mrs. J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; Mrs. W. P. M. Currie, Wallace; Mrs. Jackson Johnson, Winnabow; Mrs. James Farrior, Kenansville.

FUNERAL OF MR. HARRALL

Body of Esteemed Young Man Laid Away at Dixon Yesterday

The remains of Mr. George T. Harrall, who died at the Red Cross Sanitarium Tuesday afternoon, were taken to his former home at Dixon on the early train yesterday. Interment was made at Dixon at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Harrall, who was a former employe of the Tidewater Power Company of this city, was a member of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America. The following members of the order attended the funeral acting as pallbearers: Messrs. E. W. Hall, C. E. Long, R. D. Matthews, D. B. Sellars, L. G. Bass, S. J. Stricklin, J. Watts and J. J. Reed.

His sister, Mrs. Kate Benson, of Dudley, and Messrs. W. A. and Augustus Harrall attended the services also. Mr. Harrall's fellow members of the A. A. S. & E. R. E. A. were faithful in paying their last respects to their deceased brother.

LOCAL DOTS

—Charles Murphy, a colored prisoner, escaped from the stockade yesterday and has not been apprehended.

—Policeman W. R. Applebury, traffic officer at Front and Princess streets, reports the finding of a bunch of keys at Front and Dock yesterday afternoon.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the rooms of the organization in the Murchison National Bank building.

—Policeman Jim Moore arrested a fine hound dog at Delgado yesterday afternoon charged with snapping at a child. The canine is still locked up at headquarters awaiting his owner.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley will conduct services at Hallsboro Presbyterian church both Sunday morning and evening. This will be the last service of the church year, and the annual reports will be submitted.

—A slight change will be made in the schedule of the suburban line of the Tidewater Power Company, beginning Monday, March 12th. The car which is now due to leave Wrightsville for Wilmington 6 P. M. and Winter Park at 6:11 P. M. will leave Wrightsville at 6:10 P. M. and Winter Park at 6:21 P. M.

—The traffic committees of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, U. C. T., T. P. A. and Retail Merchants' Association, will probably hold another conference Saturday night to arrange for the proposed conference in this city to protest against the unsatisfactory passenger service on the Seaboard Air Line.

—A warrant was sworn out last night for Charles Carroll, colored, charging him with perjury. It is alleged that Carroll told on the streets that he had been assaulted with a deadly weapon by Frank Onslow, also colored, and when Onslow was arraigned in court on the charge, Carroll swore that he had not been assaulted. The warrant was sworn out by County Officer H. Mack Godwin before Capt. C. W. Woolard, justice of the peace.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—The condition of Mr. J. T. Runge, who was run down by an automobile truck Monday morning, was reported yesterday as continuing to improve.

—The many friends of Police Sergeant Woody Howell will be glad to learn that he has been able to resume his duties at the police station after a long illness.

—Mr. W. S. Clayton, special deputy collector of customs, has returned from Ehrhardt, S. C., where he was called on account of the illness of his father, Mr. Charles R. Clayton, who is now much improved.

—Among those who have returned from Washington where they went to attend the inaugural ceremonies are Messrs. J. H. Hinton, Carroll Green, L. F. Duvall, Donald MacRae, W. Fowler Morrison, Richard G. Westbrook and Charles W. Wagner.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were F. B. Gault, Lake Waccamaw; J. L. Nettles, Hallsboro; W. G. Morrison, A. E. Powell, Whiteville; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; P. R. Smith, Elizabethtown; J. F. Bussells, Southport; C. F. Neele, Greensboro; W. C. Waters, Maysville.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were the following: C. H. Comolly, Jr., Washington; M. N. Raynor, Fayetteville; P. M. Sawyer, Robbinsville; H. H. Hatchett, Dixon; H. F. Brown, Point Caswell; S. E. Lindsay, Durham; J. B. McGurley, Fort Caswell; C. E. Ware, Jr., Charlotte; G. T. Page, Lumberton; E. W. Godwin and son, Point Caswell; R. C. Lureback, Winston-Salem; A. C. McCall, Rocky Mount; W. L. Beasley, Raleigh; R. L. Hargreaves, Raleigh; E. M. Pettet, Raleigh; Arthur Taylor, Charlotte.

MAN WHO STOLE COAT IN PRISON GETS THREE MONTHS

Case Against Women for Intimidating Witnesses is Dismissed.

Albert Bishop, a white man charged with stealing a rain coat from N. D. Morrill while both men were confined in the police station Sunday, was sentenced to three months on the county roads at yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court. Bishop is alleged to have remarked that he "was glad to go to the roads to keep the police from continually arresting him."

John Wolfe, the driver of the delivery truck which collided with Mr. J. T. Runge Monday morning resulting in his serious injury, was arraigned yesterday morning but his hearing was postponed until March 15 at which time it is expected that Mr. Runge will be able to attend court. Wolfe was released under bond of $50.

Harris Brown pleaded guilty to larceny and was given three months on the roads with permission to the commissioners to hire him out.

Thomas Gordon, white, submitted to a charge of larceny and prayer for judgment was continued on the payment of the costs.

The case charging Hattie Wilson, Leona Brown and Ida Brown with attempting to intimidate witnesses in the inquest over the death of Charles Mosely, a negro who was stabbed to death in Brooklyn Saturday afternoon, was dismissed.

H. Stein, a junk dealer, convicted recently of receiving stolen property, will appear in court this morning to discuss terms with the State relative to the withdrawal of his appeal from the $500 fine imposed on him by Recorder Harriss.

EXPORTS OFF SLIGHTLY.

Receipts of Wilmington Customs District Over Hundred Thousand.

The total exports for the Wilmington customs district for the month of February were $119,573, according to Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs, which was slightly less than for the preceding month, which showed a total of $122,909. However, this shortage is accounted for by the fact that February was a short month. By far the larger part of these receipts came from Winston-Salem and were for exports of tobacco as but little, if any, cotton was shipped.

The total imports were more than a half million dollars and consisted principally of fertilizer materials which came to the port of Wilmington.

TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT

Wilmington Chapter of Special Aid Society Actively Interested in Many Ways of Preparedness.

The Wilmington Chapter of the National Special Aid Society held its weekly meeting in the High School auditorium yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with about 175 women in attendance.

Mrs. Waddell, chairman of the chapter, read a letter from the National Special Aid Society asking that all chapters of the organization would telegraph immediately to the governors of their respective states expressing sympathy with any course that the President might deem it wise to take under the existing extraordinary circumstances. After reading the letter, Mrs. Waddell suggested that a telegram of the nature suggested by the National Special Aid Society be sent the President of the United States as well as to the governor. This suggestion was immediately acted upon and a resolution embodying it was made and committees appointed to write the telegrams to the President and the Governor.

A very interesting verbal report was sent in by Mrs. Robert Cantwell about the agricultural work at Delgado. The women of that community have nearly all started their little gardens and those who had not already done so, were very glad to co-operate with the movement.

The Sunset Park ladies had as usual a most interesting report. They have organized themselves into a community group with very definite work mapped out. They are considering the best methods for cooking in large quantities, they are studying the problem of the care of children who may be left to the oversight of others, and they are planning the cultivation of certain plots of ground generously offered by Mr. C. C. Chadbourn in behalf of his corporation. Altogether, the outlook in Sunset Park is so bright that it offers inspiration and encouragement for the whole movement.

A class in telegraphy was organized and the ladies will begin at once to study the instrument.

A large map of the heart of the town had been prepared by the Publicity committee and was exhibited on the platform of the auditorium. Miss Wood explained that the town had been divided into sections composed each of four districts. Each district is composed of four blocks and each block will have its own mesenger who will have charge of delivering the messages issued by the general head of the department. Each industry is classified under a separate department and with the complete register made by 125 women canvassers, the ladies can secure any number of workers in any capacity within two hours time.

It was proposed that the next meeting of the society which is to be held next Wednesday, shall be departmental. The women interested in agriculture are asked to meet and organize, the poultry raisers, the cooks, the diet cooks, the motor drivers, surgical dressing makers, are urged to hold separate meetings and make their plans.

The first aiders have their organization complete and were out in full force 100 strong with from 50 to 75 visitors in attendance. The class rooms on the upper floor of the High School were crowded to capacity and the society cannot invite any more members to join although anyone who wishes may listen to the lectures provided she can find a chair to sit in or a place to stand in the classroom.

The doctors, who are kindly giving their services to this work, are gratified with the interest shown by so many enthusiastic citizens. The first aiders, on their part, are very appreciative of the privilege to learn so much that is valuable to know in either peace or war. There are a few first aid books still on hand, if any of the students are not yet supplied.

The National Special Aid Society has undertaken the canvass of the town, a really gigantic work, as a purely patriotic service to the community, and has organized with the kind co-operation of the doctors, free classes in various activities. The society has not made a special plea for membership because it has been primarily interested in the encouragement of patriotism and the industrial activity of women. As a society, however, it needs money to carry one its work if it is to reach its highest efficiency. Money is needed for instance to get the ground ready that has been offered at Greenfield by Mrs. Keithly, and at Sunset Park by Mr. Chadbourn; money is needed to buy cloth to make surgical dressings in order to teach classes to make these things; money is needed for incidental expenses which aid the work in various ways, and the ladies wish to state that the dues are so elastic that they will meet any pocketbook, twenty-five cents, fifty cents, sevent-five cents or a dollar a year, just as one chooses.

If there are ladies who have been attending the lecture and feel they have been benefitted and who would like to enroll themselves in the membership of the National Special Aid Society, the members shall be most happy to have them do so.

WAS A SYSTEMATIC THIEF

Investigation Played Havoc With Harris Brown Yesterday.

Harris Brown was arrested yesterday morning charged with larceny and given a hearing before Justice W. A. McGowan, who sent him up to the Recorder's court where he was convicted and sentenced to the roads for three months.

Brown was one of the night employes of the Wilmington Taxicab Company and was accused of picking the pockets of J. A. Smith, colored, one of the chauffeurs, of something over $7 and a watch. Mr. J. Bailey Farmer, manager of the company, was preparing to assist his employe in getting out of the difficulty when investigation showed that Brown had not only robbed Smith but had also been stealing engines from the cars belonging to the taxicabs.

Needless to say, Mr. Farmer abandoned the matter and left Harris to his fate.

"Y" MEN BANQUET TONIGHT.

Will Entertain Lady Friends This Evening.

The Dormitory Men of the Y. M. C. A. will entertain their lady friends at a banquet in the association building this evening from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. There will be special music and a number of short speeches by members of the club. It is expected that about 75 persons will attend.

WOULD MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

Supporters of Councilman McCaig Circulate Petitions—Candidates Active in the First.

Supporters of Councilman W. D. McCraig in the Sixth ward have started a movement to make his election unanimous even before the primary is held and have several petitions in circulation, which are being largely signed. The petitions have been signed by one of the men most prominently mentioned as a possible opponent but there may be other candidates.

A movement was started at Delgado Saturday night by a number of citizens to run Councilman McCaig for mayor, but the councilman has not as yet signified any intentions of seeking higher honors. This meeting was entirely informal and scouts were sent out to get Councilman McCaig to make an address but he could not be found.

The political pot is boiling furiously in the First ward since it has been definitely determined that Councilman Jones will not be in the race as he will accept the position of public defender, which is more to his liking.

Petitions are being circulated asking that Council appoint Mr. Walter C. Boesch as councilman to succeed Mr. Jones, while the other candidates for councilman from that ward including Messrs. W. A. Sue and L. L. Shepard are being strongly supported by their friends in petitions. The friends of Claude C. Cashwell, Esq., are active in his behalf for election to the position but no news came yesterday of a movement to have him appointed for the unexpired term.

Mr. L. L. Shepard announced yesterday that he was not seeking an appointment but that he preferred to wait and go before the people. He stated that he did not want the office unless he is elected by the people.

Dr. J. A. Smith was mentioned yesterday as a possible appointee to succeed Councilman Jones. Dr. Smith attended the meeting of Council yesterday morning but had nothing to say as to whether or not he is seeking the office.

The generally accepted opinion is that Council will not appoint a man for the unexpired term and if it is decided to do so that a man who is not a candidate in the approaching election will be chosen.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record in the office of Register of Deeds John Haar yesterday: Samuel Blossom to Elizabeth B. Nixon et al, for $600 and other considerations, lands in Cape Fear township; Miss J. Alice Brooks to Charles E. Hussey, Jr., for $100 and other considerations, lot on 12th street 134 feet south of Castle, 80 x32 feet in size; George E. Burnett and wife to L. Glasgow Hicks, for $10 and other considerations, lot in Masonboro township.

Mr. Gay Conducts Services.

Mid-week prayer services at Calvary Baptist church were conducted at 8 o'clock last night by Rev. R. L. Gay, of Raleigh, who is pleasantly remembered in the city, having held a series of revival services at the church two years ago.

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MR. HILL TO LECTURE.

Will Speak on James McNeill Whistler to High School Students.

Mr. William Laurie Hill, poet laureate of the North Carolina Press Association, who despite his 80 years is much younger than many men of half his years, will speak to the High School students this morning at 9 o'clock on James McNeill Whistler, the famous artist, with whose mother Mr. Hill was well acquainted. Mr. Hill will tell of the life of the man whose mother was a North Carolinian and a native of Wilmington.

Mr. Hill is spending a few days in the city. He is still able to write verse that has the ring of youth and the thrill of patriotism and love of country and home as the poem in yesterday's Star shows. This poem entitled, "Old Glory Calls" has been printed by Mr. Hill on cards with the Stars and Stripes at the top and will be offered for sale.

PHONE SERVICE ON WAR BASIS

Vice President Kingsbury Says Bell System is Prepared.

(New York Sun.)

N. C. Kingsbury, vice president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, told the members of the Commerce Club of the National Bank of Commerce at their regular monthly meeting that the Bell telephone system is thoroughly prepared to meet the tremendous strain which would be put upon it by the government and the people in case of war.

"The Bell system now consists of approximately 10,000,000 telephones," said Mr. Kingsbury. "Of these more than 6,600,000 are owned and operated by Bell companies, and the remainder are owned and operated by local independent companies having connecting contracts with the Bell companies.

"The Bell system is no monopoly. Many thousands of independent companies are scattered all over the country, and a large majority of these merely connect with and are therefore part of the general Bell system of communication."

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THEATRICAL

A double sensation was created by the big double show at the Royal yesterday. "Defense or Tribute" that massive preparedness patriotic five reel spectacular and historical drama created a sensation and the big new bill put on by Herman Lewis' Virginia Beauties was a hit from beginning to end. That Old Dominion Quartette is getting just about the best "rep" ever handed out to any theatrical team and with every show their applause gets more vociferous and insistent. Last night at the first performance they answered six separate curtain calls. The whole bill is good, the bass solos and the dancing and singing acts with some of the niftiest costumes ever seen on the Royal stage.

"Defense or Tribute" should be seen by every patriotic American in Wilmington today at the Royal. The first show goes on at 2:30, and will be followed at 3:45 by the regular performance of Hermann Lewis' Virginia Beauties. At 4:45, "Defense or Tribute" will be presented again. At night the picture will start at 7:15 and will be followed immediately at 8:30 by the regular musical comedy show. Patrons are urged to come and stay through both shows, all for the same one admission price.

"The Golden Fetter" at Grand

In offering Wallace Reid and Anita King to the public as fellow-players, the Lasky company feels that they have formed an ideal combination, and their first starring vehicle, a thrilling Western drama. "The Golden Fetter," which will be the Paramount Picture at the Grand today is a story of unusual interest.

These two young people are typical Americans in every sense of the word. Wallace Reid has scored a great success in all his productions and was selected by Cecil B. De Mille to play as leading man for Geraldine Farrar in his great production founded on the story of Joan of Arc. Wally, as he is better known, is a typical big, whilsky American. When he has not been on the stage or before the camera he has been a civil engineer, cowboy, and everything else in fact, that a young man could turn his hands to.

Anita King has made herself more than popular with the amusement taking public by her splendid performances in "The Race", "Anton the Terrible" and "The Heir to the Throne." In "The Golden Fetter" she has been given a still better opportunity. In addition to her photodramatic activities, Miss King has the distinction of being the first woman to motor across the American continent alone and is at present the only one of the thousands of motion picture people in Los Angeles occupying a civil position—that of City Mother. In special charge of the hundreds of screen struck girls who visit that metropolis.

In "The Golden Fetter", Mr. Reid is seen as a young mining engineer who has come West to seek his fortune. Anita King is a New England school teacher who is suddenly thrust into the turmoil and excitement of a Western town. How the money which she has invested in a worthless mine is returned to her and steel handcuffs which blind her to the man she loves are turned into fetters of gold, is brought about in a most dramatic and gripping manner.

J. A. Coburns Ministrels

Don't miss this big favorite fun show March 17 matinee and night. Everything new and a complete change from last year's performance. Manager Coburn and his company require no guarantee to the people of Wilmington. The well known title assures the latest and best in minstrelsy. Clean fun splendid singing clever comedy enjoyable novelties and real merit. The beautiful and unique ensemble first part The American Hunt Club in India—Princess Rainee impersonated by Charles L. Cameron, the popular basso Lester Gano his Fountain of Youth and Sacred Mule, Charles Vermont, Tom Post, Harry Ford, the graceful Bonni Mack, and other commedians. A splendid male chorus and soloists, six big vaudeville numbers and Charlie Gano's latest effort "Darktowns Preparedness Recruits" right up to the minute and a scream throughout. Not a dull minute in the whole show. At the Academy of Music.

It Pays to Advertise

Any solicitor with a 'prospect' in view that is not sufficiently responsive can stop talking and accomplish his ends by taking his man to see "It Pays To Advertise," the farce by Roi Cooper and Walter Hackett, that enjoyed long runs in New York and Chicago last season.

After listening to Ambrose Peal, the publicity promoter, in this funny play, no one, however skeptical, he may be, acn doubt the efficacy of printer's ink. "It Pays to Advertise" is one more of the "Wallingford" type of plays, but funnier even than that great laughing success. Its story has to do with the attempt of an American Soap King to have his son into business and earn his own living and how the son, in acquiescing turns the tables on his sire through the inauguration of a unique advertising campaign.

The joyous moments in "It Pays To Advertise" are so many that its producers are quite within their rights when they promise "A Laugh for Every Tick of Your Watch." As a matter of fact it is not often in the course of theatrical season that playgoers have the opportunity to laugh as uproariously as they do at this delightful farce which is to be seen here at the Academy of Music, matinee and night on next Saturday. The matinee prices will be 75 cents and $1. the balcony seats are 50 cents and no higher. The night prices range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale at Elvington's this morning.

Hearst-Pathe News Today.

Hearst-Pathe News for today starts off with showing the crowds gathering for the third time around the White House at Washington to hear President Wilson's reply to Germany's invasion of America's rights. President Wilson is shown in a striking attitude as he utters to Congress these words: "I request that you authorize me to supply our merchantships with defensive arms to protect our ships and our people." Secretary Lansing and the turmoil that resulted when he revealed the plot between Germany, Japan and Mexico, is another interesting scene, and then the scene shifts to New York, showing the spectacular preparedness movement there. It is today's headliner at the Bijou.

Murdock and Albert MacQuarrie play the leading roles in a tense and spectacular two-reel Universal drama, "John Osborne's Triumph," a Bison-Universal feature, that is also on today's big bill at the Bijou and full of tense, exciting action from start to finish.

The laughs will be furnished a-plenty by a great Joker scream, 'Mule Mates," starring that inimitable pair, Gale Henry and William Franey.

"Patria" is Coming.

"Patria" is coming! The Bijou is announcing that this great international serial, starring the most famous woman dancer of the world, the charming Mrs. Vernon Castle, will be the attraction there every Wednesday, beginning next week.

"Patria" is the first serial of society romance and preparedness. Many scenes were taken in Newport, America's great millionaire resort, and at private showings in the grand ball room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, of New York, and in such places in other large cities "Patria" has been enthusiastically greeted by the big figures of society, whose lead everyone else is anxious to follow.

"Patria" is from the pen of Louis J. Vance, the famous author of a score of best-sellers including "The Brass Bowl," "The Bronze Bell," etc. The story tells of Patria Channing, a beautiful young society girl left sole heir to America's largest munition works and her splendid struggle against Baron Huroki, a wiley foreigner, who is endeavoring to gain control of Channings and the $100,000,000 trust fund left to Patria by her father. She is aided by Capt. Donald Parr, of the U. S. Secret Service, with whom she is in love, this role being played by Milton Sills.

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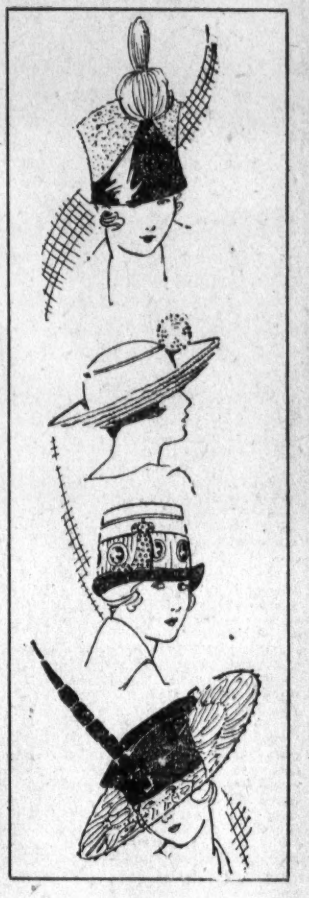

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HUNGARIAN WANTED FOR WIFE MURDER CAUGHT IN BERTIE

Escaped From Pitt County Officers, Even Though Handcuffed.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greenville, N. C., March 7.—Joseph Zemar, the alleged wife murderer of Pactolus, was brought here yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Reid of Bertie county, who captured him late Monday in the woods in Hertford county. Zemar was placed in jail and will be tried at the next term of criminal court, which convenes on the 12th.

Zemar is the Hungarian who escaped from the officers at his home, near Pactolus a week ago. Zemar's wife had disappeared and while investigating the matter, the officers had him under arrest and handcuffed. Without warning and utterly unsuspected he made a break and was so soon in the woods, which were only a few feet away, and with the swiftness of the eagle, he was lost in the woods. A search was then made of the premises and the body of his wife was found in a shallow muddy grave hole in the yard near the house. She had been killed with a pick-axe. Zemar had burned brush on the grave all day Sunday. It is said that he returned to his home Monday night and supplied himself with a number of things. When he escaped he was handcuffed but when arrested he had rid himself of them. It is said that he broke the links connecting them and filed them off. When arrested he had some files, jewelry, among this being his wife's rings, and was right well supplied with money, having $67.

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN KENANSVILLE SATURDAY

Preparations Being Made for Duplin County Commencement

(Special Star Correspondence)

Warsaw, N. C., March 7.—The scholarship contests of Duplin county commencement will be held in Kenansville next Saturday, when successful contestants from all the county schools will gather to compete for the prizes. This arrangement is considered best by the efficient committee in charge of plans for the county commencement to be held on March 16th, as it will facilitate the rendering of the program on that day.

In the Warsaw school, Norwood Carroll, fourth grade, the youngest pupil of the grammar school, received highest mark in the preliminary contest in spelling and Henry Newbury, seventh grade, in reading. In the primary department, Eloise Herring, third grade, is the successful contestant in spelling, and Mattie May Guy in reading. The successful contestants of the high school have not been determined yet.

The county commencement, the most important event of the year in the county schools, is always marked by a large attendance and much enthusiasm, and is awaited with more than the ordinary interest this year, and the attendance is expected to exceed that of any former occasion.

THEY WERE RUNDOWN

How often we hear it said of a man or woman that "they were rundown in health" which accounts for their present sickness. For that reason it is important that when you find you tire easily, when your nerves are troublesome or your work is irksome, you should strengthen your system immediately with the blood-enriching, tissue-building food in Scott's Emulsion which contains pure Norwegian cod liver oil and is free from alcohol.

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BELGIANS WOULD HAVE ONLY LIMITED FREEDOM

Is Reported That Germany Is Considering Publishing Peace Terms

Havre, March, 7.—The German government, according to information receide here through confidential agents, is considering the publication of German's terms of peace. Under these terms Belgium would be declared independent, subject only to permanent German garrisons at Antwerp, Liege and Namur and to the control by Germany of ports and railways. Belgium under the terms, would have no national army but would be policed by a gendarmerie.

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Summer's Prophecy in MARCH MILLINERY

by Hester Winthrop

Spring Violets Blossom on the Hat and on the Silk Reticule - Both in the New Season's Favored Shape

All the Grace of June in this Picture Hat Looped up with Roses

A Sport Hat all Straw two Fancy Straws for the Top and Colored Hemp Under the Brim

Gold Lace and Blue Velvet for Golden Hair and Blue Eyes

Light as a Breath this Concoction of Tulle and Lace

Hand Decorated Hats Promise To Be a Craze of Summer Time - Soutaching and Embroidery More Fashionable Than Plain Straw - The Violet Turban Reappears With Spring.

As was to be anticipated the strong favor for sport garb has had a very decided influence upon spring millinery; and it will have an even greater influence upon summer millinery. Almost any hat that is not a tailored hat may be called a sport hat just now. Floppy brimmed leghorns, wreathed with roses are to be worn with so-called sport dresses of silk and chiffon, and silk crowned hats will be au fait with sweater and separate skirt costumes for tennis and golf. All this is quite wrong and perfectly absurd, of course, from a rigid standpoint of style correctness, but what is fashionable is likely to be right when it comes to a season's modes and it is a waste of time to cavil at the vagaries of fashion, or the customs of the younger generation which after all—will follow its own sweet will where clothes are concerned.

There is one type of hat, however, which is kept sacred for formal summer occasions and which may not be worn with any sport costume; and that is the hat with streamers. Such a hat is simply and solely a picture hat and it is worn with fete gowns; the dainty, diaphanous gowns of organdie, chiffon or net which are considered suitable for garden parties, summer restaurant dining and such social affairs as country weddings and lawn teas. Take the long streamers off such a hat and it may very possibly and quite properly do duty as a sport hat with a sport frock of silk material; but streamers and sport toggery may not travel together—so decrees Dame Fashion.

Ribbon-made Hats Are Charming.

There will be a great many small, mushroom brimmed hats and some of these are the daintiest things imaginable. Usually they are of silk with a modicum of straw appearing under the brim—just to give the summer, touch. Many of them have crowns and upper brims covered completely with narrow, ruffled ribbons, each tiny ribbon frill overlapping the next so that the hat has a soft outline and a light, dainty suggestion. The ribbons may be all in the same color, or one may have variety. For instance, one hat of this type is shaded from base of crown to top in tones of plum, burgundy, orchid, mauve and lavender. Another hat has green and black ribbons used alternately, with a small but expensive ornament of jet and green beads at the front. It is amazing indeed, what things may be done with a hat—one scarcely could imagine the various devices the milliners have resorted to to obtain new and striking effects. Hand-made trimmings are the rage; hand embroidery, hand-beaded medallions, hand-soutaching—even hand-paintings have been pressed into service and one has come to feel surprise at nothing one sees in hat trimmings this year. A lovely picture hat for mid-summer, a Maria Guy model, is of latticed pink straw—the brim is of straw, that is; the whole crown is of pink taffeta silk laid in tiny, hand run pin tucks set with pink sewing silk of precisely matching shade. At the front of the crown, and set rather high upon it, is a long-looped bow of narrow pink ribbon hand-painted with violets, and ends of the ribbon ripple off sideways on the broad brim.

Soutaching Also Used.

Soutaching on straw is another favored decoration; sometimes the soutache exactly matches the straw beneath, as in a Lewis hat of pale gray hemp; and sometimes it forms a contrasting effect. A wide brimmed sailor shape of red hemp is closely soutached all over in black and the underbrim is faced with red taffeta. A sparkling jet ornament points upward at the front. This stunning hat was selected to match a trousseau frock of red and white pussy willow silk and the color scheme will be carried out with black pumps of varnished leather and stockings of white silk showing fine vertical stripes in red. White footwear is evidently going to be the correct thing this season for in and outdoor wear and if any definite color note is to be added to the costume, it must be added by hat and parasol—and, of course, hat and parasol must match or at least harmonize with each other. Smart as white buttoned boots are with a blue frock, a white hat worn with such a costume would not be nearly as chic as a blue or black one. This question of contrasts must be carefully studied by the woman who wishes to look smart, and now that the buttoned boot is to be white, the hat must be more critically selected than ever.

Lisere Straw The Favorite For Summer Hats.

There are a host of fancy straws, many of them hand-made, and though straw is by no means the most important part of a summer hat these days, it usually appears somewhere, in the brim—at least underneath—and sometimes in the trimmings. There are innumerable small, striking ornaments made of straw which in their vivid coloring and smart shape constitute quite sufficient trimming on a hat of silk. There are bead ornaments too but these are better suited to millinery for formal wear than the sport hats, though one sees them a-plenty on the latter type of millinery. Flowers promise to have a great vogue in the mid-summer millinery and several charming flower effects—all from authoritative milliners—are pictured. Milan and hemp straws appear in the smart, severe sailors for sport and traveling wear; and by the way, these severe sailors are to be extremely good style with tailored suits of white tussah for country-club wear. Oddly enough, almost any woman if she is perfectly groomed, can wear one of these severe sailors successfully. They are not always as becoming as more feminine hats but they have a decided style about them—provided always that the rest of the costume is trim and tailored enough to carry out the effect. Nothing is more fetching on a hot summer day than a white tussah tailored suit, white buttoned boots, stockings and gloves and a plain, severe black straw sailor hat.

Now for the charming models that are pictured on today's page! They are all summery hats—or at least late spring hats with a summery quality, and are designed for wear with dressy frocks or coat and skirt costumes made of silk or of mohair and worsted mixture. For a plain, tailored street costume the woman who aims to be entirely correct in every detail will select a smaller hat of silk and straw with a knowing, sharp pointed ornament and a little veil drawn under the chin or floating about the face.

Of the formal type distinctly, is the big hat of blue lisere straw, looped up at one side with three roses in shades of pink. Blue faille matinee silk exactly matching the straw, is shirred on cords under the brim, and the streamers are of gray moire ribbon. The drooping brim of this hat makes a most becoming background for the face and like many of the new models shows an upward tilt at the back. Another large hat of the formal type is all in airy black. A hat for restaurant wear this, light as a breath and graceful as a restaurant hat should be. It is made of shirred black tulle, the cording at the edge of black satin. Tulle is swathed round and round the low crown and over the fluffy bow of black lace, which fills out the back of the hat. It is important that such an airy hat as this be made of good materials and all the stitching should be done with black silk—nothing is so deplorable as a cheap looking black hat intended for dressy wear. When the swirl of tulle has become limp fresh tulle may be added without disarranging the lace bow. The hat is exquisite with a restaurant gown of white soiree silk, white lace and black net.

The Violet Toque.

For restaurant wear also is the enchanting violet toque—and, of course, the violet toque had to appear in new guise for this season, woman's favor returns with the springtime to violet hats. She will have them and the milliners, willy nilly, must bring out something new and alluring in this type of millinery with each spring season. The little mushroom hat of purple lisere straw which forms the basis of this model is built out in a wing shaped crown, its edge defined with violet velvet. Violets cover the crown over sides and the large, flat top and under the curve of the top at one side is tucked the inevitable pink rose, an up-pointing rose stem adding a new and piquant touch. The reticule of violets and violet soiree silk is not less alluring than the dainty chapeau.

A very pretty little hat of cornflower blue velvet with a puffed crown of gold lace is evidently designed for a blue eyed and golden haired maid. The brim has a mushroom curve that fits down over the head and the crown has the upward tilt toward the back which Paris favors now. The fifth hat is a sport model, made of fancy straw with crown and upper brim covered with coarse straw in the fashionable crochet effect. The under brim is of red hemp and the tailored bow of still another straw in coral red color.

BUTTON BAGS WITHIN BAGS.

After all is said and done, there is no more convenient way to keep buttons than in a bag from which they may be emptied out on the lap for sorting. A systematic little woman has fashioned eight or ten small bags from strips of old ribbon, so that light buttons, dark buttons, metal buttons, fancy buttons, velvet buttons and buttons for underwear may be kept separately. All the bags go into one large button bag which hangs by the sewing table. The small bags are of varied color ribbons and the constant user of the button bag knows that in blue are metal buttons, in pink, velvet buttons, and so on. It is the matter of a moment to find just what she needs for trimming or mending.

Getting Winter Complexions Ready for Spring Colors

Nature is never so beautiful as when garbed in her spring green—that delicate yellowish green of opening leaves intensified by the white of the dogwood and the clear yellow of the forsythia—the first spring shrub to put out its blossoms. But Nature seems to make herself fresh and ready for her garb of yellowish green. She has been resting and sleeping through the winter under her warm coverlet of snow; no late hours and nerve-trying gaieties have sapped her freshness and produced the pallor and sallowness with which humankind must meet the perenially recurring fashion for greens and greenish yellows in the springtime.

This year mustard is the shade of shades—and if there is any tint more greenly yellow, more yellowishly green, one cannot remember what it is. Mustard is trying to the best of complexions; to the average complexion, made alarmingly sallow by winter late hours, rich food and lack of fresh air, mustard is cruel indeed. This is the season when the red-haired woman with the clear, dead white skin is the envied of all her sisters. She and she alone can successfully wear the greenish yellow shades that fashion always decrees for early spring. The black haired, black eyed woman with a good deal of color is next most fortunate. It is the brownish woman, with brown hair, brown or blue eyes and skin tending toward sallowness who has the hardest time of it and who must work most strenuously to bring her complexion up to the demands that will be made upon it by the smart spring colors.

March is the month to administer first aid to the complexion and the very best face bleach one can wish for is right at hand in the spring vegetables now appearing fresh and succulent in the markets. I know of a woman who makes her winter-fagged complexion wonderfully fresh and fair each spring by wearing poultices of lettuce, cucumber and beets on alternate days, spreading on a thick paste of potato pulp the days between. Of course, she does not run about the house with her visage swathed in vegetable poultices; that would certainly be a little awkward. She wears the poultices for two hours every afternoon while she takes her after-luncheon rest—not sleeping, but lying flat on her back in her bed room, reading or planning her weekly menus or her new spring wardrobe. Even if the mind is occupied, the two hours relaxation of the body accomplishes wonders in keeping one young and refreshed. The poultices, this woman makes of pieces of soft, old linen or cheesecloth. Strips of cucumber are laid on the forehead and a strip of cheesecloth bound around the head to hold them on. Lettuce leaves are curved over cheeks and chin and bound in place by other bandages. So long as the eyes are left free one may read easily, but a recumbent position must be kept, else the juice of the vegetables will not stay where it is wanted but will run down into the neck. On the alternate days the potato bleach is applied. This is very easily made and if it will not make your skin milk-white in two weeks you are a candidate for face-skinning. Boil a large Irish potato in its jacket and mash it, when boiled, with hot water until you have a soft pulp. Spread this pulp, cold, over the face and allow it to dry on. Afterward wash the face in warm milk and dust with a little talcum powder. In a week, when the face is fairly well bleached out, you may substitute sliced beets for lettuce leaves in the poultice and the skin will take on a delicate rose flush just where you want it. By this time you should be able to wear any shade of green on the silk counter—and look well in it. The woman I have spoken of wears a silk blouse of pale green color about the house, mornings, and tests her complexion by it. Any skin that can stand a green waist in the cold, clear light of morning, when the hair is not carefully coiffured and other conditions are against one's looking one's best, can stand any color, no matter how weird and fashionable, later in the day.

Staying indoors through the dusty March days when the wind is high and the air raw, is an excellent way of bleaching the skin—but who wants to be cooped indoors just as spring is coming on? It is much better to be out in all weathers, protecting the skin carefully from strong sunlight and nipping spring breezes with veils and vanishing cream. Vanishing cream is one of the most valuable toilet articles on the market and every woman should make a habit of using it. Yet there are women who constantly use face powder and other cosmetics, who do not even know the difference between cold cream and vanishing cream. The latter is not a massage cream, and it is not helpful as a skin food. It is not as helpful for a badly chapped skin as cold cream; but as a skin-protector it has no equal. Vanishing cream is without grease—it may almost be applied with gloves on, so dainty it is—and it never shows on the skin. Applied before the face is powdered, it will make the powder stick and give the complexion a much fairer look—but it is not the purpose of this article to talk about cosmetics. Now is the time of the year to dispense with all cosmetics and get the complexion into a fresh, clear condition to face the daylight of summertime.

Exquisite Cleanliness The First Requirement In The Spring Bleaching Process.

The skin must be kept exquisitely clean while it is going through the bleaching process. Clogged pores will retard the bleaching sadly, yet constant scrubbing with warm or cold water is dangerous if the March winds must be faced every day. Give the face a good steaming one night a week and every morning bathe it with warm water and nip and pinch the skin with thumb and fingertip to get the blood circulating actively. Do not use cold water on the face at this time. Cold water closes the pores and the object is just now to keep the pores open while the skin is going through its spring bleach. If the complexion looks grimy and dull scrub it at night with a face brush and warm water, using a little dissolved castile soap. Then rinse in clear, warm water and pat dry; the less rubbing the skin has at this time, the better. There will be no harm in using a few drops of astringent lotion in the water, mornings, before one goes out into a cold wind.

Pat The Face Dry; Rubbing Is Not Good For Skins Already Roughened By March Winds.

CONVENIENT IS THE FOLDING KIT BAG.

Did you ever try to decide, before a week-end visit, whether you would carry a suitcase or a traveling bag? The suitcase, of course, holds all the clothes that will be needed, but you are morally certain you will want the smaller bag—perhaps to carry bathing suit or tennis shoes to a country club; perhaps to pack with a few toilet belongings for a continuation of the trip—the suitcase to be expressed on ahead, or sent home. Or did you ever have to carry an empty bag some distance to "bring something home in?" The folding kit bag is a convenience that should be in every household. Open, ready to be packed it is a good looking bag of pliable leather with checked linen lining, strong lock and clamps and a single handle. Empty, it may be crushed flatly together, folded over on itself and tucked in an overcoat pocket—or even slipped in a muff.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MOVES NERVOUSLY

Loss on May Contracts Partly Recovered at Close—Prices 8 Points Lower to 4 Higher.

New York, March 7.—The cotton market was nervous and irregular today and attention at times seemed to shift from the bullish view of the spot situation and to uncertainties of ocean shipping. May sold off from 17.78 to 17.40 but recovered part of the loss on covering and closed at 17.55 with the general list closing steady net 8 points lower to 4 points higher. New crop months were relatively firm during the entire day.

The market opened steady at an advance of 12 to 17 points but prices began to sag off shortly after the call with the selling becoming more active and aggressive later on rumors that a large amount of ocean tonnage had been sunk by German submarines during the first three days in March. The break carried May 20 points under last night's close while July sold off to 17.32 and October to 16.47 or 11 to 16 points net lower and active months generally showed a decline of 28 to 38 points as compared with the high level of the morning. The market turned steadier when it developed that the rumored amount of tonnage sunk by submarines probably referred to operations previously reported during February. May worked up from 17.40 to 17.64 while October advanced from 16.47 to 16.67 during the middle of the afternoon. The talk, however, showed continued nervousness.

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	17.90	17.90	17.63	17.63
May	17.78	17.78	17.40	17.55
July	17.59	17.59	17.27	17.42
Oct.	16.70	16.75	16.47	16.62
Dec.	16.80	16.83	16.60	16.71

Spot quiet; middling 17.85.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.50; receipts 2,907; sales 1,530; stock 430,848.

Galveston—Middling 18.05; receipts 4,122; sales 323; stock 262,401.

Mobile—Middling 17.50; receipts 375; stock 9,078.

Savannah—Middling 18.50; receipts 390; sales 20; stock 148,880.

Charleston—Receipts 63; stock 40,320.

Wilmington—Receipts 139; stock 51,630.

Texas City—Receipts 1,849.

Norfolk—Middling 17.88; receipts 448; exports 2,000; sales 209; stock 98,110.

Baltimore—Stock 19,536.

Boston—Middling 18.10; receipts 198; stock 13,000.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.10; stock 1,528.

New York—Middling 17.85; receipts 62; exports 100; stock 150,817.

Minor Ports—Stock 53,381.

Atlanta (semi-weekly)—Stock 73,214.

Total today—Receipts 10,553; exports 2,100; stock 1,279,529.

Total for week—Receipts 48,816; exports 44,039.

Total for season—Receipts 5,958,979; exports 4,133,187.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 17.85; receipts 1,795; shipments 3,444; sales 450; stock 144,224.

Memphis—Middling 17.75; receipts 1,562; shipments 2,385; sales 1,650; stock 354,800.

Augusta—Middling 18.32; receipts 224; shipments 472; sales 615; stock 117,477.

St. Louis—Receipts 1,150; shipments 91; stock 38,411.

Cincinnati—Receipts 250; shipments 255; stock 22,764.

Little Rock—Middling 17.50; receipts 424; shipments 549; sales 549; stock 37,534.

Dallas—Middling 17.20; sales 150.

Montgomery—Middling 18.25.

Total today—Receipts 5,405; shipments 7,196; stock 715,230.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, March 7.—Heavy liquidation on the part of scattered longs precipitated by the severe break in lard carried cotton oil down some 21 to 35 points during the early trading today and caught some stop orders. Short covering brought about some rally later but final prices were still 19 to 25 points down for the day. Tenders 900 barrels. Sales 30,100 barrels.

Closed steady. Spot 13.20 bid; March 13.28 to 13.30; April 13.30 to 13.33; May 13.32 to 13.33; June 13.32 to 13.34; July 13.34 to 13.35; August 13.35 to 13.37; September 13.36 to 13.38; October 12.76 to 12.78.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 7.—Hogs, weak, early advance of 15 to 30c mostly lost; top 15.05, new high record; bulk 14.45 to 14.75; light 14.00 to 14.65; mixed 14.25 to 14.80; heavy 14.20 to 14.85; rough 14.20 to 14.35; pigs 11.25 to 13.60.

Cattle—Strong; native beef cattle 8.25 to 11.25; stockers 6.50 to 9.50; cows and heifers 5.50 to 10.40; calves 8.50 to 11.75.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 10.15 to 12.25; ewes 8.70 to 12.15; lambs 12.15 to 15.00.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Feels Bear Pressure—Active Months Lose 32 Bale.

New Orleans, March 7.—Pronounced bear pressure was felt in the cotton market today during the greater part of the session. It was generally considered that the selling was based on the ordinary belief that the market was over-bought and casiderable liquidation of long market was induced as the market fell. The declining tendency was checked in the afternoon by a report from Washington that merchant ships would be armed. From the highest to the lowest levels of the day there was a drop of $2 a bale on the most active months.

Around the opening the market rose 11 to 16 points but heavy selling appeared and offerings increase until about noon when the market stood 9 to 28 points under yesterday's closing figures. In the afternoon reports from Washington steadied the market and prices recovered until some months showed a net rise of 15 points. Around the close there was another sag and last prices were steady unchanged to 13 points off compared to yesterday's close.

March 17.34; May 17.06; July 16.94; October 16.24; December 16.34. Spot, steady and unchanged. Sales on the spot 380; to arrive 550; middling 17.50.

WHEAT PRICES DEPRESSED

Cancellation of Export Business by Seaboard Purchasers Causes Loss of ¾ to 3⅝c.

Chicago, March 7.—Cancellation of purchases by seaboard exporters had a depressing effect today on the wheat market. Closing prices were heavy ¾ to 3⅝c net lower with May at 1.87⅝ to 1.87½ and July at 1.57⅝ to 1.57½. Losses were shown, too, in other leading staples—corn ⅝ to 1⅛@1¼; oats 1c and provisions 30 to 92c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.87⅝; July 1.57⅝.

Corn—May 1.07¼; July 1.06⅝.

Oats—May 59; July 56⅝.

Pork—May 33.00; July 32.45.

Lard—May 18.95; July 18.95.

Ribs—May 17.50; July 17.60.

Cash grain, quiet.

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red 1.92 to 1.97; No. 2 and No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 1.08¾ to 1.09; No. 3 yellow 1.07 to 1.09; No. 4 yellow 1.04½ to 1.07¾.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Santa Rosalia, 3,488 tons, Jones, Heide & Co.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,285 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, March 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—43½c.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—$2.75-12½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, $1.70-8c; crude turpentine, $3.25; $3.25 and $2.25.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	4
Rosin	89
Tar	307
Crude Turpentine	9

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 1 cask; rosin (—) barrels; tar, 288 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year 11⅜c.

Receipts—39 bales; same day last year, 13 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 78,133 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 150,048 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at March 7, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—39 bales cotton; 17 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—138 barrels tar.

River—2 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Geo. Slover—4 casks spirits turpentine; 39 barrels rosin; 150 barrels tar.

Total—39 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 39 barrels rosin; 307 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, March 7.)

SWEET POTATOES — Yams, 75c. to 85c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—10c to 12c per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 13c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders ,15c. to 16c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 20c. on foot; dressed, 25c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—28c to 30c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, March 7.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.40; No. 1, machine, $1.35 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 88c; fancy hand picked, 80c; No. 1 machine picked, 75c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.40; Jumbos, $1.35 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co. Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., March 7.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market firm, $1.62½ per bushel.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy jumbo, 5c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¾c per lb.; Prime, 4½c per lb.; Shelling stock, 3½ to 4¼c per lb.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, March 7.—Spot cotton strong; good middling 11.99; middling 11.89; low middling 11.71. Sales 7,000 bales; 1,000 for speculation and export; receipts 3,000 bales.

Futures steady. March 11.52; March and April 11.46; April and May 11.40; May and June 11.36; June and July 11.26; July and August 11.16; August and September 11.21; September and October 10.61; October and November 10.46; November and December 10.36; December and January 10.31; January and February 10.28; February and March 10.28; March and April 10.28.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, March 7.—Beeves firm; steers 9.75 to 10.75; oxen 9.00; bulls 6.50 to 9.00; cows 4.15 to 7.75.

Calves—Steady; veals 13.00 to 16.00; culls 10.00 to 12.00; mixed 9.00 to 9.50; barn yard 7.00 to 9.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; sheep 7.00 to 9.00; lambs 13.00 to 14.75.

Hogs—Steadier; light to heavy 13.75 to 14.75; pigs 13.00 to 13.50; roughs 12.50.

STOCK MARKET IRREGULAR

Prices Rise and Fall in Bewildering Confusion—Gains Largely Forfeited at Close.

New Yorfi, March 7.—Moderate accession of public interest which did not extend to investment issues and pool operations on a large scale featured today's irregular stock market. Prices rose and fell in bewildering confusion, the general list, rails excepted, at intervals showing gains of 1 to 6 points. This was largely or wholly forfeited in the extensive realizing of the final hour.

Coppers gave the best account of themselves, chiefly as a result of the strength of Utah, which rose 2 1-2 points to 117 1-2. Central Leather, all the paper issues, American Can and the motors were 2 to 4 points over yesterday's final quotations with some of the gas shares, but failed to hold. Mercantile marines showed less stability than the others of the shipping division, although Atlantic Gulf and West Indies also yielded most of its 3 points advance.

Standard industrials, as represented by United States Steel and the Bethlehem Steel group were firm to strong during the forenoon but succumbed to profit taking, as did Lackawanna Steel, whose early rise of 3 1-2 points was ascribed to a very favorable annual report.

The maret's uncertain course was attributed to continued heaviness in rails, notably coalers, Canadian Pacific and its subsidiary "Zoo." Chicago and North western, Rock Island and some of the low-priced issues. Atlantic Coast Line and Illinois Central were among the few transportation stocks to display a fair degree of strength.

Bonds were irregular, concessions in international issues being offset by the strength of railways and local tractions. Total sales, par value, $2,320,000.

United States bonds, unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	27¾
American Beet Sugar	92¾
American Can	46⅝
American Car & Foundry	67⅞
American Cotton Oil	41
American Locomotive	71½
American Smelting	101
American Sugar	110½
American Tel. & Tel.	126¼
American Tobacco	207⅝
American Zinc	37¼
Anaconda Copper	85
Atchison	102
Atlantic Coast Line	113
Baldwin Locomotive	53½
Baltimore & Ohio	75½
Bethlehem Steel	141
Canadian Pacific	152¼
Central Leather	93
Chesapeake & Ohio	58
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	81⅛
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	27½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	48
Consolidated Gas	120⅝
Corn Products	25
Crucible Steel	65¾
Cuba Cane Sugar	42⅝
Erie	26
General Electric	165½
Great Northern pfd	113¼
Great Northern Ore Ctrs	35⅞
Goodrich	56
Illinois Central	101⅞
Inspiration Copper	60⅛
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	75
International Nickel	42¼
International Paper	40
Kansas City Southern	22⅜
Kennecott Copper	47¼
Lehigh Valley	69½
Louisville & Nashville	125½
Liggett & Myers	124
Lorillard Co.	201
Maxwell Motors	56⅛
Mexican Petroleum	87½
National Lead	58½
New York Central	95⅝
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	45¾
Norfolk & Western	127⅝
Northern Pacific	102⅞
Pennsylvania	54
Ray Consolidated Copper	30⅝
Reading	92⅞
Republic Iron & Steel	80½
Seaboard Air Line	14⅜
Seaboard Air Line pfd	32¾
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	64
Studebaker Corporation	101⅜
Southern Pacific	92⅜
Southern Railway	27⅝
Southern Railway pfd	67
Tennessee Copper	15⅛
Texas Company	228¾
Union Pacific	134⅝
United Fruit	142¼
United States Rubber	58
United States Steel	109⅝
United States Steel pfd	117¾
Utah Copper	116¾
Virginia Caro. Chem.	40½
Wabash pfd "B"	24⅞
Western Union	94½
Westinghouse Electric	49½
Missouri Pacific w.i.	29½

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, March 7.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼; sterling 60 day bills 4.71; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 day bills 4.70¾; demand 4.75; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 75½; Mexican dollars 58¼. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans firm; 60 and 90 days 3¾ to 4; six months 4¼ to 4½. Call money steady; ruling rate 2½.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., March 7.—Turpentine, nothing doing, 48½c; sales none; receipts 45; shipments 40; stock 13,022.

Rosin—Firm; sales 130; receipts 481; shipments 135; stock 79,101. Quote: A B C D E F G H, 6.00; I, 6.20; K, 5.95 to 6.20; M, 6.05 to 6.20; N, 6.35; WG, 6.30 to 6.45; WW, 6.70.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, March 7.—Cotton goods and yarns were steady today. Print cloth and yarn goods, plain and fancy were quite active. Knit goods and worsted arns were firm. Burlaps were easy.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, March 7.—Raw sugar, easy; centrifugal 5.46; molasses 5.49; refined steady.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Strong.

Coffee—Spot nominally unchanged; Rio 7s, 9⅝c; Santos 4s, 10½c.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

March 8, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 38 degrees; at 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.67 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 42.2 feet, falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Thursday, warmer in east; Friday fair.

The Port Calendar, March 8, 1917.

Sun rises .....6:32 A. M.
Sun sets .....6:14 P. M.
Day's length .....11 hrs. 42 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	9:36	10:00	4:47	5:09
Southport	7:33	7:50	1:33	1:53
Masonboro Inlet	7:22	7:39	1:13	1:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

March 7, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	60	..	.0
Asheville	rain	44	32	.0
Atlanta	cldy	58	36	.0
Augusta	clear	64	36	.0
Baltimore	cldy	46	..	.0
Birmingham	rain	64	42	.04
Boston	cldy	42	20	.0
Charleston	cldy	62	48	.0
Charlotte	cldy	58	36	.0
Chicago	cldy	48	40	.0
Galveston	cldy	68	62	.01
Jaxville	cldy	72	50	.0
Memphis	clear	58	48	.30
Mobile	cldy	68	50	.0
Montgomery	cldy	70	40	.0
N. Orleans	cldy	74	54	.16
Oklahoma	clear	56	36	.0
Palestine	clear	58	50	.14
Pittsburg	rain	56	22	.0
Raleigh	cldy	60	30	.0
Savannah	cldy	64	46	.0
Shreveport	clear	62	52	.28
Washington	cldy	54	30	.0

STRANGE SAILING VESSEL A REGULAR "FLOATING BAR ROOM"

Said to be Hauling Liquor From Baltimore to Carolina Points

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., March 7.—For a long while local officials have wondered how it was that "bootleggers" and "blind tigers" at James City, just across Trent river from New Bern, were able to keep on hand such an enormous supply of whiskey when railway and express people hereabouts were enforcing the law so vigorously.

Now comes the story of a strange sailing vessel which is said to be used in transportation of the wet goods. The ship, supposed to be employed in hauling fertilizer from New Bern to some nearby point, is said to be a regular floating bar room.

It is said that the captain of the ship makes regular visits to Baltimore, stocks up with whiskey and then brings it down to the North Carolina coast towns, selling it at a fabulous price, but this price does not seem to bother the "tigers" who are, so it is said, always able to supply the demands of their customers.

The officials are now on the lookout for this strange vessel and its captain and the next time that he puts in at James City it is safe to say that he will meet with a warm reception on the part of the "reception committee."

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor, under the last Will and Testament, of the estate of Joseph J. Jones, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to me, duly verified, on or before the 1st day of March, 1918, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment.

This 28th February, 1917.

F. W. AVANT, Executor.

By E. T. BURTON, Attorney.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated June 6th, 1916, made and executed by W. H. King, James M. King and wife, F. V. King, to the Citizens' Bank, Inc., duly registered in Book 80, Page 400, of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds, New Hanover county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of interest due on the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the said county of New Hanover, at Twelve o'clock noon, on Monday the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following described piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point where the Eastern line of Fifth street intersects with the Southern line of Marstella street, and runs thence Eastwardly with and along the said Southern line of Marstella street, 80 feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with the Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with the Southern line of Marstella street 80 feet to the Eastern line of Fifth street; thence Northwardly with and along said Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet to the point of beginning. The same being a part of Lot 1, in Block 540, according to the present official plan of the said City of Wilmington, N. C.

Dated and posted this the 28th day of February, 1917.

CITIZENS BANK, INC.

500 Bushels
FIELD PEAS
Suitable for Planting
2,000 Bags Rice, All Grades.
200 Bags Green Coffee.
Prices and Samples Furnished on Application.
Samuel Bear, Sr. & Sons
WILMINGTON, N. C.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Feb. 5th, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 52 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 58 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.
No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points.	No.58 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, Passenger Traffic Manager. W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	z17:05 A.M.	17:15 A.M.	17:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:20 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x18:30 A.M.	z9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
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2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	z*1:45 P.M.	*1:50 P.M.	*2:01 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	z7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 o 5:45 P. M.

*—Daily except Sunday. x—Does not run beyond Station No. 3.
†—Sundays only. z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE—This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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Strathmore Quality Typewriter Paper, Manuscript Covers, Second Sheets, Stenographers' Note Books, Typewriter Ribbons, Carter's, David's, Arnold's and Underwood's Ink—In fact Anything in the Line of Stationery, for Home of Office.
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Prices and Information on Application.

CLYDE LINE
TO NEW YORK
AND
GEORGETOWN, S. C.
New York to Wilmington.
S. S. Cherokee....Thursday, March 8th
S. S. Cherokee.....Monday, March 19
Wilmington to Georgetown.
S. S. Cherokee.....Sunday, March 11
S. S. Cherokee.....Thursday, March 22
Wilmington to New York
S. S. Cherokee.....Thursday, March 15
S. S. Cherokee.....Monday, March 26
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Wilmington, N. C.
General Offices: Pier 36 N. R., New York

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY
The Progressive Railroad of the South.
Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.
DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.
No. 13—3:55 P. M., Charlotte and intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car to Charlotte.
No. 19.—5:00 A. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Sleeper to Charlotte; open 10:00 P. M.
ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.
No. 14.—12:30 P. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car.
No. 20.—12:10 A. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Sleeper may be occupied until 7:00 o'clock A. M.
For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Hotel, or 'Phone 178.
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The Progressive Railway of the South.
Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates from Wilmington, N. C.
ATLANTA, GA. $13.95
On sale June 15, 16, 17; limited returning Midnight June 25th. Stop-over any point.
WASHINGTON, D. C. $13.20
On sale April 10 to 15th inclusive; limited returning midnight April 30th.
NEW ORLEANS, LA. $28.75
On sale May 11 to 15th, inclusive; limited returning midnight, limit extended to June 15th on payment $1.00.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

To Be Held at Atkinson Next Wednesday—Dr. Wells and Rev. A. J. Howell on Programm

(Special Star Correspondence)

Atkinson, N. C., March, 7.—Arrangements have been made for a Sabbath school institute to be conducted on Wednesday, March 14, in the Presbyterian church at Atkinson. Rev. W. H. Goodman is chairman of the committee to arrange for the institute. The programme has been partially made out as follows:

Memory Work—Rev. A. J. Howell.

How to Enlist and Hold Pupils—

Machinery of a well organized Sunday School—J. A. Brown.

The Sunday School an Evangelistic Force—Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D.

General Discussion.—

Rev. E. B. Carr, pastor of the local church, has issued this statement concerning the occasion:

"We are glad to extend a cordial invitation, not only to all our Presbyterian people to attend this institute; but we most heartily and most affectionately extend the invitation to the people of all denominations within the bounds of Black river group of churches, to come and enjoy the day with us. The institute will begin about 10 o'clock, a. m., and will be in session until 3 or 4 o'clock p. m.

"One other interesting feature of the occasion will be the basket dinner. We wish to have a spread dinner at the church. All persons or families who can and will are most earnestly entreated to bring a little basket of dinner. You need not be too particular what you bring to eat, just so it is something good. A little ham and eggs, pork and beans, collards and cabbage, biscuit and corn bread, cake and pie, yam potatoes and chicken will be plenty good enough."

ROBESON MAN SELECTED

J. M. Hester to Represent Wake Forest in Oratorical Contest

(Special Star Correspondence)

Wake Forest, N. C., March 7.—With fourteen speakers participating, the preliminary to select an orator and an alternate was held last night in Wingate Memorial Hall, the judges, Drs. J. W. Nowell, J. H. Highsmith and G. W. Paschal, selecting Mr. J. M. Hester, of Robeson county, who spoke on "Americanism and World-Peace" to represent Wake Forest College at the State Peace Oratorical Contest which will be held in Greensboro on March 22. Mr. J. B. Rucker, of Rutherford county, speaking on, "The Basis of A Durable Peace," was chosen as alternate.

HOUSE OF COMMONS IS THROWN INTO UPROAR BY HOME RULE QUESTION

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States, saying that President Wilson in his recent speeches and notes had shown that the United States government recognized the rights of small nations and the people of the nationality. He called attention to the valiant service rendered by the Irish troops at the front and asserted that they had enlisted with the understanding that home rule was to be applied to their country. In conclusio nhe said there were only two ways of remedy—settlement or coercion. He favored settlement.

Mr. O'Connor was followed by William A. Redmond, who made an impassioned plea for a compromise between the nationalists and unionists and sat down amid the applause of the house.

Puts Wrench in Machinery

Thus far things had been running smoothly, but Lord Lonsdale, speaking for the unionists, threw a wrench into the machinery by declaring that Ulster wanted nothing to do with home rule of this sort, and sarcastically remarked that his section of Ireland had furnished troops and money from pure patriotism and without hope of gain for themselves.

Premier Lloyd-George followed with the pronouncement of the government, and, after stating that any part of Ireland that wanted home rule could have it, suggested two alternatives for the settlement of the differences between the Irish factions. One was a conference of Irishmen, and the other was the setting up of a commission of inquiry to report to the government and parliament.

Premier Speaks With Difficulty.

Mr. Lloyd-George was continually interrupted, and, as he preceeded, was greeted wth angry jeers from the nationalists who accused him of deserting home rule. In conclusion he offered an amendment to the nationalist resolution to the effect that: "This house would welcome any settlement which would produce a better understanding between Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, but considers it impossible to impose by force on any faction of Ireland a form of government which has not their consent."

As the premier sat down, ex-Premier Asquith rose and made a conciliatory speech, suggesting that the ministers of the dominion who are in England should be called in to act as mediators and report to parliament.

Nationalists Leave the House.

John Redmond, the nationalist leader, immediately took the floor and declared in no uncertain terms that he would have nothing to do with further negotiations; he and his followers, he said, had been fooled once before. After a brief speech he withdrew from the house with his adherents, and the nationalists went into conference. The only result of this meeting made known was that the nationalists voed approval of Mr. Redmond's action.

Another meeting of the nationalists has been arranged for tomorrow and the deepest interest attaches to this, as there are many who still feel that an early opportunity should be taken to submit proposals in a more concise form for the consideration of the parties concerned.

Timothy Healy, who did not follow Mr. Redmond's lead in quitting the house, sarcastically predicted, in the course of a speech late tonight, that "Mr. Redmond, who made such a dramatic skedaddle from the house, will return with his tail between his legs."

He also declared that the Irish people would "be able to take the measure of this pre-arranged play acting" and charged that Mr. Redmond had deliberately upset the nationalist party and thereby creating Sine Fennism.

DESIRED TO ELIMINATE ALL CREEDS EXCEPT MOHAMMED

Lord Bryce Says This Is The Cause of the Armenian Massacres

New York, March 7.—Massacres of Armenians were inspired by the desire of the Turkish ruling class to eliminate from the empire all sects and creeds except that of Mohammed, according to Lord Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, in a cable message to the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief made public tonight.

"During these recent massacres whenever any Christian would turn Mohammedan he was spared," Lord Bryce said in his message. "Many a Christian child was torn from its parents to be brought up as a Mussulman. Thousands of Armenian Christian girls were sold in the market or distributed among Turkish officers to be imprisoned for life in Turkish harems and then forced into Mohammedanism.

"But many more thousands of Armenians, women as well as men, were offered their choice between Christian and Mohammed and when they refused Mohammed were shot or drowned forthwith. For days and days together the bodies of Christian women who had thus perished were seen flowing down the Euphrates.

"Surely the remains of this suffering nation could make no stronger appeal for pity and help to Christians of America than they make through these martyr deaths. Only a remnant is now left to whom charity can be extended. It is still a sorely afflicted remnant."

STRANDED AMERICANS ARE EAGER TO LEAVE COPENHAGEN

Request That U. S. Warship or Passengen Vessel Come After Them

Copenhagen, via London, March 7.—The American legation here, having done its utmost towards facilitating the departure of Americans now in Copenhagen, has been requested to obtain the permission of the United States government to have a warship or an American passenger vessel sent over for those who are stranded here. Thus far the legation has not consented to make any such request, although the situation is becoming more and more difficult for those Americans who must live here under the most expensive conditions.

TWENTY-THREE BRITISH SHIPS SENT DOWN WITHIN PAST WEEK

London, March 7.—An official statement issued today says that 23 British merchant vessels were sunk by a mine or submarine during the week ending March 4. Of these 14 were of 1,600 tons gross or over, and nine were under 1,600 tons. In the same period three British fishing vessels were sunk. The statement includes one merchant vessel and one fishing vessel sunk during the previous week but not included in a previous statement. Twelve British merchant vessels were unsuccessfully attacked by submarines during the week.

Mrs. J. M. Dickinson Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., March 7.—Mrs. J. M. Dickinson, wife of the former Secretary of War, died here today at the home of her sister, Mrs W. G. Ewing. Her husband and their two sons were with her. Mrs. Dickinson was born in Nashville, June 3, 1853, and was the daughter of Col. John Overton.

WAY IS CLEARED TO EARLY MODIFY RULES OF SENATE

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committee. Senator France said he opposed any kind of cloture rule.

Provision of the Amendment

The amendment to the rules approved by the caucuses provides:

"That if at any time a motion, signed by sixteen senators, to bring to a close the debate upon any pending measure is presented to the Senate the presiding officer shall at once state the motion to the Senate, and one hour after the Senate meets, on the following calendar day but one, he shall lay the motion before the Senate and direct that the secretary call the roll, and, upon the ascertainment that a quorum is present, the presiding officer shall, without debate, submit to the Senate by an aye-and-nay vote the question: 'Is it the sense of the Senate that the debate shall be brought to a close?'

"And if that question shall be decided in the affirmative by a two-thirds vote of those voting, then said measure shall be the unfinished business to the exclusion of all other business until disposed of.

"Therefore no senator shall be entitled to speak in all more than one hour on the pending measure, the amendments thereto, and motions affecting the same, and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to keep the time of each senator who speaks. Except by unanimous consent no amendment shall be in order after the vote to bring the debate to a close, unless the same has been presented and read prior to that time.

"No dilatory motion, or dilatory amendment, or amendment not germane, shall be in order. Points of order, including questions of relevancy, and appeals from the decision of the presiding officer, shall be decided without debate."

The resolution is changed only slightly from that virtually agreed upon last night by the conference committee of ten and which was approved by the Senate rules committee several months ago. The most important change was the addition today by the conferees of the provision that except by unanimous consent amendments will not be in order after the cloture has been ordered. This was done to prevent substitutes coming in at the last moment when there would be little time for their consideration before a vote must be taken.

SUPREME COURT AGAIN OPENS HARVESTER SUIT

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the combination's formation, the attorney general insisted, and justice would be defective if the court should say there was no intent to evade the Sherman law. Competition actually has been "throttled and destroyed," he added, although the percentage of trade control is now slightly, but not substantially, smaller than when the harvester company was organized.

EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder Bothers You—Drink Lots of Water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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FIFTEEN MEASURES URGED BY BICKETT ENACTED INTO LAW

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would be brought about through showing no quorum, the bill was withdrawn.

The House recessed to 2 o'clock to await ratification of bills and adjournment sine die.

SIXTY-THREE DAYS AND YET CALENDARS NOT CLEARED

Raleigh, N. C. March 7.—The North Carolina General Assembly adjourned today after having been in continuous session 63 days. Although the body worked three days more than the time set by law and held night sessions sevtion on numerous bills on the calendars. tion on numerous bill on the calendars. Principal among the lost measures was a Senate bill pending in the House which would give women the right to vote in municipal elections in Bryson City, Swain county. Several measures relating to the liquor traffic were also lost.

The prison reform law enacted during the closing hours of the session was regarded as one of the most important acts of the assembly. The law, among other things, establishes the indeterminate sentence, gradation of convicts, pay for the prisoners and the payment of wages of convicts to their dependent families.

Other laws enacted:

Prohibit the advertising or sale of patent or proprietary medicines purporting to cure so called "incurable" diseases.

Exempt from taxation notes and mortgages given toward the purchase of a home in amount not to exceed $3,000.

Establish a State reformatory for women.

Permit absentee voters to exercise the right of suffrage.

Provide for a constitutional convention subject to ratification at the next election.

A bond issue of $3,000,000 for permanent improvement of State educational and charitable institutions and public school purposes.

A law providing that counties may use the credit of the State to borrow each year not more than an aggregate of $800,000 for construction and maintenance of highways also was enacted.

All efforts to obtain suffrage for women failed, although the Bryson City municipal suffrage bill passed the Senate, the first suffrage measure to ever successfully run the guantlet of either house in this State.

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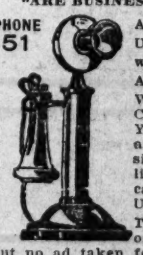

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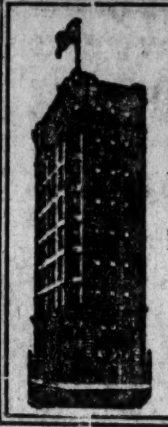

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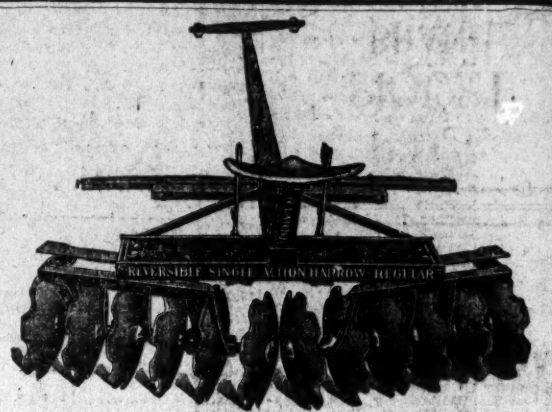

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